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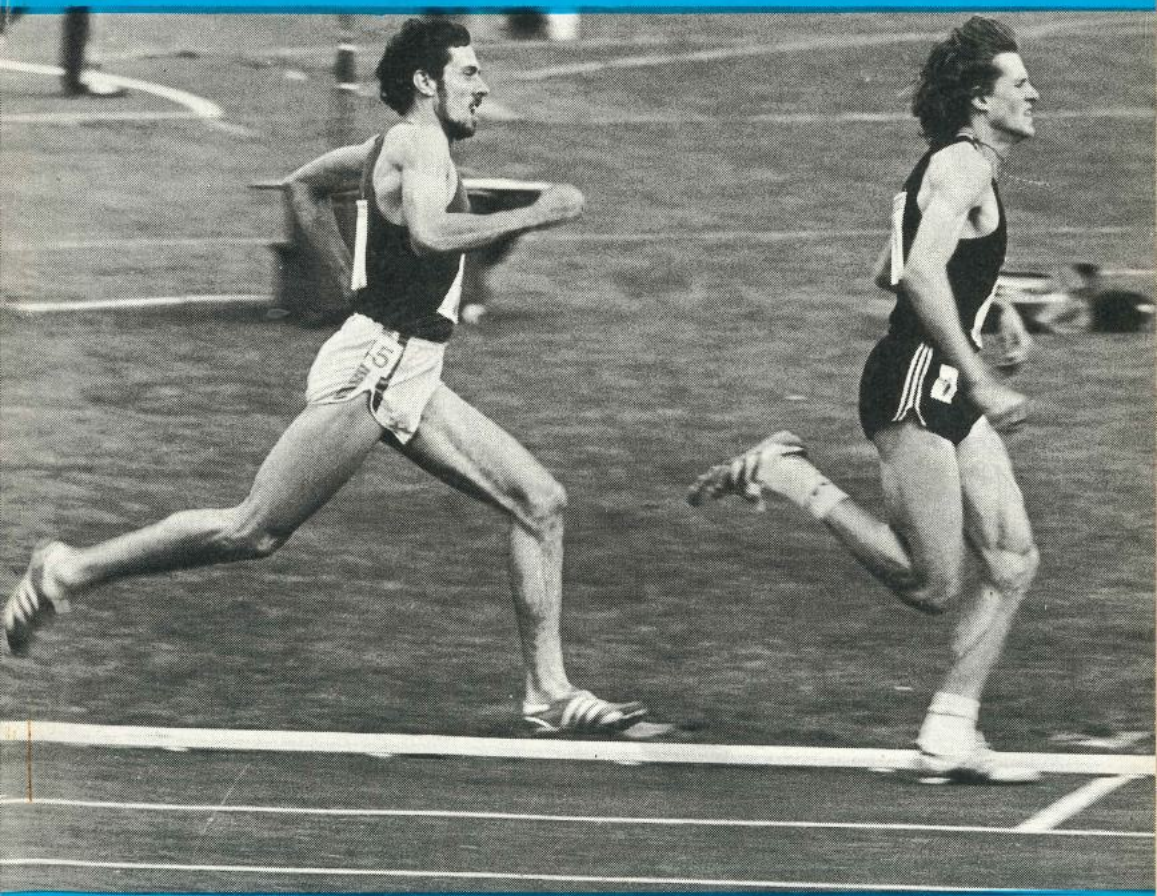

STEVE OVETT (left), winner of the World Cup 1500m, and JOHN WALKER


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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Friday, September 9th:** IAC/Coca Cola meeting, Crystal Palace (7.30).

**Saturday, September 10:** International Junior Decathlon (Switzerland v France v UK) (1st day); Southern Women's Inter-Counties, Brighton; Southern RWA U/20 Champs, Southwick; Bromsgrove & Redditch AC Road Relays, Redditch; North Staffs Road Runners Assn Track 10M, Stafford; Greenwich '11'; East Cheshire '7', Ashton—upon-Lyne; Horsham Blue Star Parkland Races; Ridgeway Relay (Swindon to Reading); The Hades Hill Race (5¼M), Whitworth; Surrey AAA Road Relay; Ripon Ac/St Wilfred's '10'; Dunblane Highland Games.

**Sunday, September 11th:** International Junior Decathlon (2nd day); Young Athletes League Final, Crystal Palace; Vancouver Trophy Meeting, Woodford; Southern Counties v South West, Bournemouth; Notts '10'; Vaux Breweries Mountain Trial, Lake District; Kirk Hallam Festival of Road Races; Basildon '10'; Rossendale Fell Race; Stockport H&AC Relays (Inc 10,000m Champs/Cheshire); Southend 5M Walk, Thorpe Bay; Lily B League (Div 1).

**Monday, September 12th:** Gateshead H Manitou Games.

**Tuesday, September 13th:** West Midland League v Wolverhampton & Bilston.

**Wednesday, September 14th:** SCAAA Open Meeting, Crystal Palace; Liverpool H Floodlit Meeting, Kirkby.

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### UK DISCUS RECORD BROKEN

Meg Ritchie broke Rosemary Payne's UK discus throwing record of 58.02/190ft 4in, which has stood since 1972, with a throw of 59.88/196ft 5in in the Scotland v Norway match at Coatbridge on September 3rd. Scotland won the match 81-74.

### HAYWARDS HEATH CC MEET, OCT. 1st

Intending competitors please note that entries posted after Friday, Sept. 16th will not be accepted.

All runners in the Leamington Hour Race on September 13th should bring their own recorder/distance marker.

**World Cup in Dusseldorf** **Mel Watman reporting**

# OVETT RUNS THE PERFECT RACE

## Smashes UK record with 3:34.5 after spectacular last 200

IT was in Dusseldorf on September 3rd that Steve Ovett finally graduated from the ranks of the potentially great 1500m runners to one of the world's proven elite. On this, the second day of the World Cup before a crowd of nearly 50,000, Ovett showed that he really does have all that it takes to become an outstanding champion. We have long known that in a slow race Steve's formidable acceleration and finishing powers could account for practically anybody; what remained to be proved was whether he could handle a good field after a fast early pace.

Steve passed this searching test with flying colours. The pace was hot throughout, much faster than anything Steve had previously experienced, and yet he looked and felt as much at ease as in much slower races. When the time came for him to launch his finishing kick it was even more deadly than ever before. His penultimate 100m wreaked havoc and that stretch, from the point where he rocketed away 200m from the finish, was timed in—wait for it—11.8! That destroyed John Walker and Thomas Wessinghage, two runners who have in the past lived with almost any pace. Walker failed to finish Wessinghage came home second a dozen metres behind.

Winning, and winning alone, is what concerns Steve, but he could not have been indifferent to the quality of his final time—3:34.5. That was fully 3 sec inside his previous fastest and 2.3 sec better than Mike Kearns' pending UK record; for those who still relate more to mile times it was the equivalent of around 3:52. In the entire history of 1500m running only seven athletes (one European) have been faster—Filbert Bayi 3:32.2, John Walker 3:32.4, Jim Ryun 3:33.1, Ben Jipcho 3:33.2, Rod Dixon 3:33.9, Jean Wadoux 3:34.0 and Graeme Crouch 3:34.2. Kip Keino, Herb Elliott, Michel Jazy and Pekka Vasala were among the luminaries overtaken on the all-time list.

It was thanks to Wessinghage that the early pace was so sharp. He reached 400 in 56.5. Walker moved ahead 50m later and at 800 (1:55.0) he was one stride ahead of Wessinghage and two in front of a comfortably placed Ovett (1:55.5). The pace (56.5, 58.5) dipped on the third


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lap, covered in 59.9. Canada's Dave Hill, buoyant after a recent 3:55.9 mile, took over from Walker after 1000m (2:25.0) and led the way past the bell and the 1200m mark (2:54.9), closely attended by Walker and Ovett.

It was at his favoured 200 mark that Steve began his phenomenal finishing drive. The crowd gasped in astonishment as Ovett rapidly opened a yawning gap between himself and Wessinghage around the final bend, the air of unreality being heightened by the sight of Walker quitting the race at this point.

"I waited till the 200 mark," Steve related, "then I thought I would go, and try to hang on along the straight. When I reached the straight and looked round I was surprised to see I was ten metres ahead." There was no way he could lose now and, taking time out for his customary wave to his parents, he romped to a victory that will long be remembered with satisfaction. Steve had covered the last 200 in 25.1, the final lap in 54.5. He had run the perfect race—surely the finest by a British athlete at this distance or the mile since Derek Ibbotson's world record 20 years ago.

The amazing element about it all was the ease with which Steve triumphed, for even in a race of this quality and speed he was not tested to the full. Never for a single stride did he look strained or under pressure. "If anything it felt easier than when running 3:37-3:38", he revealed. "For the first time everything was clicking in one race. I felt really good throughout and stronger towards the end." How much faster could he run? "If pushed, perhaps another two or three seconds" was his reply, and one accepted that without reservation although that would entail a time of around 3:32. Steve repeated his maxim—"I don't run for time, I just run to win." Fair enough, but let's hope he gets caught up in a race some day where he needs to run a world record in order to win!

There was no immediate explanation for John Walker's demise. All he could say was "I'm completely exhausted and at the moment I don't know why I stopped running." Steve, whose admiration for Walker remained undimmed by the New Zealander's recent unflattering quotes, spoke up for him in reply to pressmen's questioning. "John is the most consistent miler we know and this was maybe his first bad race in a long career. I think he's still a great athlete. People expect him to win because he is Olympic champion and a world record holder, and if he doesn't he's called a failure. That's a lot of pressure to carry".

Asked why he ran in the Dartford Half Marathon so soon before Dusseldorf, Steve replied disarmingly: "No reason; sheer madness!" In fact he raced on impulse, intending merely to run a few miles as he happened to be there with a training companion. However, he enjoyed the race so much and felt so comfortable that he decided to complete the distance, which he did in the remarkable time of 65:38. He was very proud of that result but his concern was whether his speed was still intact, for as an experiment he has done no fast track work this season. The invitation 800 he ran at the UK v West Germany match was an important and fairly reassuring try-out in that regard: he still had the leg speed to run a fast 1500.

Result: 1, STEVE OVETT (Europe/UK) 3:34.5 **(UK national rec)**; 2, Thomas Wessinghage (WG) 3:36.0; 3, Jurgen Straub (GDR) 3:37.5 (national rec); 4, Abdrahmane Morsli (Africa/Alg) 3:37.8; 5, Takahashi Ishii (Asia/Jap) 3:38.2; 6, Dave Hill (America/Can) 3:39.2; 7, Steve Scott (USA) 3:44.0; John Walker (Oceania/NZ) dnf.

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Steve Ovett was one of eight British athletes who competed with distinction for Europe in the World Cup. Sonia Lannaman finished 2nd in the 100 and later teamed up with Andrea Lynch and West Germans Annegret Richter and Elvira Possekel for victory over the seemingly invincible East Germans in the 4 x 100 relay, Tessa Sanderson placed 3rd in the javelin, Alan Pascoe and Nick Rose (with a personal best) 4th in their specialities, while David Jenkins and Donna Hartley ran useful legs in the 4 x 400 relays.

This inaugural competition, organised by the IAAF to promote worldwide interest in the sport and raise funds for athletics coaching and equipment in the developing countries (a profit of £250,000 was made), proved to be a resounding success. There was a total 'gate' of some 130,000 for the three days of competition which saw the men's cup won by the GDR and the women's by the Europe Select team. Great performances abounded, among which was a world record by the USA of 38.03 for the 4 x 100 relay, fabulous duels in the 800 (Alberto Juantorena v Mike Boit) and women's 400 (Irena Szewinska v Marita Koch), a distance double by Miruts Yifter, a masterly 400 hurdles display by Edwin Moses, and world record attempts in the pole vault and both high jumps. The presentation left much room for improvement, but the World Cup is certainly here to stay—and welcome.

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# Juantorena Wins Spine-Tingling 800 Duel

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd**

**100:** All three of the principals in this race were deprived of possible Olympic glory last year: Steve Williams and Eugen Ray didn't even reach Montreal because of injury, while Silvio Leonard missed his big opportunity when he cut his foot shortly before the Games and was eliminated in the heats. This year all three had been going great guns, and this World Cup clash would be the one opportunity for a race involving them all. Leonard topped the rankings with 9.98 at altitude, the second fastest clocking in history; Ray was next fastest at 10.12, and Williams had run 10.16 into a 1.5m/sec wind in Zurich on August 24th.

It was a super race. The muscular East German led from the start, whereas Williams got away sluggishly, but the tall American produced a searing finish culminating in a lunge which enabled him to pip Ray by a margin of two-hundredths. Ray seemed quite certain that he had won—as did the photographers who clustered around him at the finish, pointedly ignoring Williams—but the photo finish cannot lie. The time, into a barely discernible breeze of 0.3m/sec, was 10.13, with Leonard a close yet decisively beaten third 4/100ths behind Ray.

Result: 1, Steve Williams (USA) 10.13; 2, Eugen Ray (GDR) 10.15; 3, Silvio Leonard (Am/Cub) 10.19; 4, Pietro Mennea (Eur/Ita) 10.37; 5, Werner Bastians (WG) 10.57; 6, Suchart Jaisurarparp (Asia/Thai) 10.67; 7, Amadou Meite (Afr/Iv C) 10.70; Paul Narracott (O/Aus) 10.71.

**800:** Another great athlete who never got to run in Montreal, in his case because of the intrusion of politics, was Mike Boit—considered the one man in the world who just might have troubled Alberto Juantorena on that occasion. After appearing to dodge each other all season they finally raced in Zurich, the result being a victory for the Cuban in 1:43.6 (this three days after his world record 1:43.4 in Sofia) with Boit clocking 1:44.6. Leader at the bell was Boit's colleague Sammy Kipkurgat . . . in 49.65! Now, nine days later, came the return match, and what a spine-tingling race it proved to be.

Sri Ram Singh, the Indian who so distinguished himself in Montreal, led at the break from lanes on the backstraight and at one point—300m—was 4m up on Juantorena. Singh passed 400 in 52.3, with the Olympic champion second in 52.5—as against his halfway time in Montreal of 50.9 and in Sofia of 51.1. Juantorena made his move with 300 to go, striding purposefully ahead, and only one man was able to set off in pursuit—Boit. The Kenyan, so often the hunted was this time the hunter; he had made an uncharacteristically slow start because in the first 100m he had felt he was in danger of pulling a muscle and thus trod warily. With 200 remaining, Juantorena was 3m in front; into the straight the margin was down to 2m. The Cuban glanced round, to see the Kenyan on the point of drawing level. Faster and faster they raced along the finishing stretch, with Juantorena always just fractionally ahead but with Boit never easing the pressure on him. This was racing at its highest level, and at its most basic—two evenly matched rivals slugging it out every inch of the way. Only in the last five metres, said Juantorena, was he confident of winning.

Winning to Juantorena in 1:44.0, whose second lap of 51.5 was probably the swiftest ever recorded by the winner of a fast race, but even in defeat Boit (1:44.1) was never greater. Willi Wulbeck, the West German who practically manhandled Sebastian Coe in Helsinki, gained third in a blanket finish with Mark Enyeart and Jozef Plachy, the latter (a controversial choice) justifying his selection by approaching to a tenth of his best time set way back in 1969.

1, Alberto Juantorena (Am/Cub) 1:44.0; 2, Mike Boit (Afr/Ken) 1:44.1; 3, Willi Wulbeck (WG) 1:45.5; 4, Mark Enyeart (USA) 1:45.5; 5, Jozef Plachy (Eur/Cze) 1:45.5; 6, John Higham (O/Aus) 1:46.1; 7, Olaf Beyer (GDR) 1:46.6; 8, Sri Ram Singh (Asia/Ind) 1:47.3.

**10,000:** The kilometre splits tell the story of an undistinguished race: slow and jerky prior to a rapid finish—2:52.4, 2:49.4, 2:56.3, 2:45.9, 2:54.4, 2:57.3, 2:57.3, 3:00.0, 2:50.7, 2:28.6. Everyone except Chris Wardlaw, who had dropped out, was in contention until European Cup winner Jorg Peter dashed ahead a kilometre from the end. Only Jos Hermens, Miruts Yifter and Detlef Uhlemann (who had tripped and fallen on the 7th lap, losing some 20m) were able to stay with the East German, and that was the order at the bell. It was a race tailor made to Yifter's requirements; with 270 to go he moved swiftly from third to first, and from then on it was all over. Ten metres clear of Peter with 200 to go, he widened the gap still further during a sub-26 last 200. Time for the last lap: 53.9! Peter was happy enough too with his second place, for he had only expected to finish fourth had the race been fast throughout.

1, Miruts Yifter (Afr/Eth) 28:32.3; 2, Jorg

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# MOSES CLOSE TO RECORD

Peter (GDR) 28:34.0; 3, Jos Hermens (Eur/Neth) 28:35.0; 4, Detlef Uhlemann (WG) 28:38.7; 5, Rodolfo Gomez (Am/Mex) 28:45.5; 6, Frank Shorter (USA) 28:52.5; 7, Toshiaki Kamata (Asia/Jap) 28:56.3; Chris Wardlaw (O/Aus) dnf.

**400H:** Remember how we drooled over Edwin Moses when he broke the world record with 47.64 in Montreal? Here in Dusseldorf he ran even faster with 47.58, second only to his own 47.45 in the American Championships in June. It was an awe-inspiring performance, leaving Volker Beck and Harald Schmid 10m behind despite both of them setting brilliant national records, while Alan Pascoe—very close to his season's best of 49.65—finished well over 15m down. Those long legs (36in inside measurement), taking 13 strides between each hurdle, carried him well clear of Beck (in the lane outside him) early in the race and he was the best part of 10m ahead of Schmid and Beck entering the final straight. While Moses strode to victory, racing only against the clock, the two Germans fought out second place, with Beck prevailing by 2/100ths in 48.83 (compared with 48.90 in Helsinki). Schmid's bonus was breaking Gerhard Hennige's 1968 West German record of 49.02. At his very best Pascoe would have been involved in that scrap for second, but on his 1977 form it was practically inevitable that he would finish fourth.

Moses said "my time today proves that my defeat in Berlin (August 26th) by Schmid (49.07-49.29) was only because of my fatigue." Beck: "I felt I had much more power than Schmid between the 7th and 10th hurdles. Moses demonstrated today that he is an athlete of extra class." Schmid: "At the finish I felt knocked out, but I had to start as fast as possible to stand a chance. I am highly satisfied by my record of 48.85." Moses, who has run the flat 400 in 45.60 and the 110 hurdles in 13.5, believes he can improve to 44.3 and 13.2 as well as breaking 47 sec for his speciality.

1, Edwin Moses (USA) 47.58; 2, Volker Beck (GDR) 48.83; 3, Harald Schmid (WG) 48.85; 4, ALAN PASCOE (Eur/UK) 49.73; 5, Peter Rwamuhanda (Afr/Uga) 50.48; 6, Garry Brown (O/Aus) 50.89; 7. Alfonso Damaso (Am/Cub) 50.95; 8, Takashi Nagao (Asia/Jap) 52.10.

**Long Jump:** A clash between seven 8-metre performers should have produced a better competition, but only Olympic champion Arnie Robinson and Hans Baumgartner were anywhere near top form. Robinson, a good man for peaking at the the right time (he showed up poorly in European meets earlier in the season), jumped 8.19m (nil wind) in the second round and 8:02 in the third. "It has been very hard for me to get psyched up this year," he admitted.

1, Arnie Robinson (USA) 8.19; 2, Hans Baumgartner (WG) 7.96; 3, Charlton Ehizuelen (Afr/Nig) 7.89; 4, Nenad Stekic (Eur/Yug) 7.79; 5, Frank Wartenberg (GDR) 7.79; 6, Junichi Usui (Asia/Jap) 7.68; 7, Kerry Hill (O/NZ) 7.18; 8, David Giralt (Am/Cub) 6.77.

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**Crystal Palace National Sports Centre**
**A series of six Indoor (Training) Competition Sessions** commencing at 9.30 a.m. have been arranged for Intermediate and Senior Women Hurdlers, and Junior & Senior Men Hurdlers. A graded starter, timekeepers and track judges will be in attendance.

There will be three races per group at 60 Metres over five flights of hurdles. Fee: 30p per session. Competitors' coaches are very welcome.

**DATES**

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| **Sat. 22nd Oct. '77** | **Sat. 21st Jan. '78** |
| **Sat. 12th Nov. '77** | **Sat. 11th Feb. '78** |
| **Sat. 17th Dec. '77** | **Sat. 4th Mar. '78** |

These sessions should be valuable to hurdlers competing at Cosford.

K. G. Sports Ltd have once again kindly agreed to present a £5 voucher to be spent at their Catford branch for the member of each age group who has made the most improved progress after four sessions. Please send entries for all or any one session to **George Stratford, "Lynwood", 2 Austin Avenue, Bickley, Kent BR2 8AJ.**

**Shot:** Another Olympic champion to outclass the opposition, Udo Beyer led from the first round (20.79m) and improved to 21.48 in the third and an East German Record of 21.74 in the fourth, supplanting Hartmut Briesenick's 1973 mark of 21.67. Only four men now stand above him on the outdoor world, (amateur) all-time list: Aleksandr Baryshnikov 22.00, Terry Albritton 21.85, Al Feuerbach 21.82 and Randy Matson 21.78. Reijo Stahlberg, preferred to Geoff Capes as Europe's selection, was four times over 20m and was never threatened for second place.

1, Udo Beyer (GDR) 21.74; 2, Reijo Stahlberg (Eur/Fin) 20.46; 3, Ralf Reichenbach (WG) 19.97; 4, Terry Albritton (WA) 19.85; 5, Bruno Pauletto (Am/Can) 18.30; 6, Emad Fayez (Afr/Egy) 17.46; 7, Bahadur Singh (Asia/Ind) 17.43; 8, Keith Falle (O/NZ) 15.92.

**Discus:** No one is safe against European record holder Wolfgang Schmidt until the competition has actually finished. Remember in Montreal he overtook John Powell for the silver medal with his final throw; while here in Dusseldorf he was second to Mac Wilkins (66.64 to 65.48) until he came through with a last-ditch attempt of 67.14m. It was the East German's third straight victory over the Olympic champion this season and he must certainly be ranked the world's number one for 1977. Markku Tuokko, who scored a rare win over Schmidt in the European Cup final, finished a subdued fourth.

1, Wolfgang Schmidt (GDR) 67.14 (64.90, 65.48, 64.12, —, 63.74, 67.14); 2, Mac Wilkins (USA) 66.64 (65.78, 65.32, 66.64, —, 64.46, —); 3, Hein-Direck Neu (WG) 62.64; 4, Markku Tuokko (Eur/Fin) 61.36; 5, Julian Morrison (Am/Cub) 58.98; 6, Praveen Kumar (Asia/Ind) 53.24; 7, Robin Tait (O/NZ) 52.90; 8, Said Tarwat (Afr/Egy) 45.12.

**Women**

**200:** Thirteen years after gaining an Olympic silver medal in the event, Irena Szewinska shows no sign of stepping down—indeed once again she is the world's fastest 200m runner of the year, having clocked 22.37 in the great Zurich meeting. On that occasion she won by 3m from Olympic champion Barbel Eckert (22.68)—and the margin in Dusseldorf was almost identical as Irena overhauled the East German in the straight to win 22.72 to 23.02 in windless conditions. Further good news for the legion of Szewinska fans: she has confirmed that she is training for 400m hurdles (though she may not make her debut until next year). The first woman to break 50 sec on the flat, it could well be her destiny to become the first hurdler inside 55 sec.

1, Irena Szewinska (Eur/Pol) 22.72; 2, Barbel Eckert (GDR) 23.02; 3, Tatyana Prorochenko (USSR) 23.26; 4, Evelyn Ashford (USA) 23.41; 5, Silvia Chivas (Am/Cub) 23.45; 6, Denise Robertson (O/Aus) 23.82; 7, Ufon Uko (Afr/Nig) 24.17; 8, Emiko Konishi (Aisa/Jap) 25.22.

**1500:** What were they playing at? The slower the race the more the race suited Tatyana Kazankina, and yet Ulrike Bruns (4:04.5 this year) and Natalia Maracescu (world leader at

# Rosi Tries For 2.01m

4:02.7) permitted the pace, which started off lively at 66.1 for 400, to drop to 2:18.1 at 800 and 2:54.0 at 1000. The Olympic champion struck early in the finishing straight and from that point on it was left for the others to fight out the minor placings. Kazankina's last lap was 61.5. National record for Algeria was set.

1, Tatyana Kazankina (USSR) 4:12.7; 2, Francie Lutz (USA) 4:13.0; 3, Ulrike Bruns (GDR) 4:13.1; 4, Natalia Maracescu (Eur/Rum) 4:13.1; 5, Penny Werthner (Am/Can) 4:14.6; 6, Sakina Boutamine (Afr/Alg) 4:18.5; 7, Junko Yoshitomi (Asia/Jap) 4:24.8; 8, Anne Garrett (O/NZ) 4:31.5.

**High Jump:** What a summer of content this has been for Rosi Ackermann. Three times she has created a world record (first a record equalling 1.96m, then 1.97 in the European Cup Final and the epoch-making 2.00 in West Berlin on August 26th) and to complete a perfect season she produced the second highest jump in history—1.98/6ft 6in. There was a time when we thought the stork-like Iolanda Balas was the last word in women's high jumping but Rosi has made an even more significant impact on the event by reason of her unexceptional physique. At 1.75/5ft 8¾in she is one of the shortest of top class jumpers and her success is attributable to a perfectly grooved technique allied to unshakeable concentration and belief in her own ability.

Clearing 1.75, 1.80, 1.86, 1.89, 1.92, 1.95 and 1.98 without failure, she called for the bar to be placed at 2.01—6ft 7in. She encountered run-up problems with her first attempt and grabbed at the bar, but her second try resulted in a very narrow miss as she ticked the bar off with her trailing leg. "This was my last competition for this season", she announced. "I am certain of clearing 2.01 next year." Jumper-up to Ackermann, as so often in these big competitions, was Sara Simeoni with a fine leap of 1.92, a centimetre below her best. Debbie Brill, second with 1.89 to Ackermann's 2.00 in Berlin, repeated that height.

1, Rosi Ackermann (GDR) 1.98; 2, Sara Simeoni (Eur/Ita) 1.92; 3, Debbie Brill (Am/Can) 1.89; 4, Louise Ritter (USA) 1.83; 5, Nadyezhda Marinenko (USSR) 1.83; 6, Tamami Yagi (Asia/Jap) 1.75; 7, Chris Annison (O/Aus) 1.75; 8, Carol Mumbi (Afr/Zam) 1.60.

**Javelin:** Ruth Fuchs won as expected, but not as anticipated. Never has she had to work so hard for an important victory. For five rounds she was unable to reach 60m, a distance which usually is routine for her, and some of her throws were so limpid (53.22 followed by 50.50) that the crowd whistled in disapproval—or was it disbelief? The leader all this time was Nadyezhda Yakubovich, who unleashed a low-flighted 62.02 in the first round, backed up bs 61.76 in the third. Fuchs, aiming high in every sense, could not better her second round 58.74 and with Tessa Sanderson throwing 59.14 with her third effort and Kate Schmidt 59.40 in round five, the situation at the start of the last round was: 1, Yakubovich; 2, Schmidt; 3, Sanderson, 4, Fuchs.

If ever a champion's nerve was required it was now. Totally unnoticed by the 32,000 crowd, whose eyes were glued to that classic 800 race, Fuchs finally connected. It wasn't, by her own normal standards, a particularly good throw—62.36m—but in the circumstances there was no reason to disown it. Next came Tessa, now in fourth place, and she too showed her mettle by throwing 60.30 to displace Schmidt from third position. "I failed totally in the first five throws", said Fuchs, "but it was not because of the wind (ie lack of any) nor of the runway; I just did not throw well. In the last round I won because I fought." She and Tessa may have thrown many metres below their best, but the occasion inspired Emiko Myokai to a personal best and Agnes Tschuinte (18) from the Cameroons to an African record — improving from a reported previous best of 47.06 to 53.70!

1, Ruth Fuchs (GDR) 62.36 (58.16, 58.74, 53.22, 50.50, 57.86, 62.36); 2, Nadyezhda Yakubovich (USSR) 62.02 (62.02, 57.24, 61.76, —, 55.56, —); 3, TESSA SANDERSON (Eur/UK) 60.30 (57.52, 53.68, 59.14, 58.36, 58.10, 60.30); 4, Kate Schmidt (USA) 59.46 (53.04, 57.50, 56.16, —, 59.40, 59.46); 5, Emiko Myokai (Asia/Jap) 55.42; 6, Agnes Tchuinte (Afr/Cam) 53.70; 7, Pam Matthews (O/Aus) 51.14; 8, Marli dos Santos (Am/Bra) 46.52.

**4 x 400:** Britain had an interest here as Donna Hartley ran the second leg for the Europe team. Hers was a fighting leg (51.1), but even with Irena Szewinska on the anchor the squad had no chance against the GDR. Szewinska, who took off nearly 15m behind Marita Koch, ran a throttled back 49.8.

1, GDR (Popp, Krug, Brehmer, Koch) 3:24.0; 2, Europe (Bottiglieri, HARTLEY, Fuhrmann, Szewinska) 3:25.8; 3, USSR (Aksyonova, Sokolova, Prorochenko, Sidorova) 3:27.0; 4, Oceania (Fisher, Burnard, Nail, Dale) 3:30.5; 5, America (Yakubowich, Pusey, Penton, Blake) 3:31.0; 6, USA (Dabney, Jiles, Thomas, Bryant) 3:33.0; 7, Africa (Kyalisima, Chemabwai, Boye, Waithera) 3:36.3; 8, Asia (Lai, Rieuwpassa, Nagasawa, Than) 3:53.8.

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# USA Sprinters Claim World Relay Record

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd**

**400:** Shock . . . sensation — Alberto Juantorena beaten into third place by two Europeans. Of course there was a reason: "I did not hear a starting shot and so I did not start running". The Cuban, out in lane eight, did eventually get away but by that time his rivals were several metres into their running. The trouble was caused by the proximity to Juantorena of a noisy high speed camera being used for the official IAAF film of the meeting, adding to the sound of an aircraft taking off. A protest was lodged by the American team leader, and it was ruled that the race would be re-run next afternoon — a decision that stood despite counter-protests from the GDR and Europe. Despite the handicap, the Olympic champion failed by only 4/100ths of a second to win the race, moving from a distant fifth to a very close third in the finishing straight. The surprised winner ("after yesterday's race in the 400 hurdles I only expected to place sixth") was Volker Beck in a personal best of 45.79. Juantorena's splits were 12.8 for his first hesitant 100, followed by 10.3(!), 10.8 and 11.9.

1, Volker Beck (GDR) 45.79; 2, Ryszard Podlas (Eur/Pol) 45.80; 3, Alberto Juantorena (Am/Cub) 45.83; 4, Robert Taylor (USA) 46.24; 5, Franz-Peter Hofmeister (WG) 46.48; 6, Felix Imadiyi (Afr/Nig) 46.54; 7, Richard Mitchell (O/Aus) 46.71; 8, Uday Krishna Pradu (Asia/Ind) 48.29.

**3000SC:** There is no stopping Michael Karst this year. Holder of the season's fastest time of 8:14.1 and an impressive winner at the European Cup Final, the West German scored a victory which was rapturously applauded by the near-50,000 crowd. Dan Glans, the world's second fastest of the year, led through kilometres of 2:48.6 and 2:49.8 before falling at the water jump with just over two laps remaining. Karst, who was spiked on the knee as Glans fell, led at the bell by a stride from Eshetu Tura, with Frank Baumgartl out of it in fourth place behind Euan Robertson. The Ethiopian (who has run 7:43.2 on the flat and is potentially a future world record breaker) took the lead just over 200 out but Karst had the race in control. Accelerating away from the last water jump he overtook Tura and sprinted away. Time for the last kilometre—2:43.2.

1, Michael Karst (WG) 8:21.6; 2, Eshetu Tura (Afr/Eth) 8:22.5; 3, George Malley (USA) 8:25.2; 4, Euan Robertson (O/NZ) 8:25.5; 5, Frank Baumgartl (GDR) 8:26.4; 6, Masaya Shintaku (Asia/Jap) 8:48.7; 7, Carlos Martinez (Am/Mex) 8:58.7; Dan Glans (Eur/Swe) dnf.

**4 × 100:** Bill Collins (25, best time of 10.11w), Steve Riddick (25, 10.05), Cliff Wiley (22, 10.21) and Steve Williams (23, 10.08) are the new holders of the world record, smashing the 1972 USA Olympic team's mark by 0.16 sec. with a remarkable time of 38.03. "It's astonishing how well we understand each other in a race", said Williams, "for we have very seldom trained together". The GDR came close to the European record with 38.57 to finish ahead of an American team which included Silvio Leonard and Don Quarrie. The latter remarked: "If Hasely Crawford had been there we could have won", but the team did finish over 6m behind the USA

1, USA (Collins, Riddick, Wiley, Williams) 38.03 **(World rec)**; 2, GDR (Kokot, Ray, Kubeck, Thieme) 38.57; 3, America (Da Silva, Leonard, Quarrie, Lara) 38.66; 4, Europe/USSR (Aksinin, Kolesnikov, Silov, Borzov) 39.05; 5, WG (Bastians, Sattler, Steinmann, Gruse) 39.20; 6, Africa (Olajide, Nkounkou, Meite, N'dao) 39.74; 7, Oceania (Narracott, Besanko, Henley-Smith, McQueen) 40.08; 8, Asia (Ratanapol, Suchart, Ok, Farhan) 41.09.

**Pole Vault:** Mike Tully (20) served notice that he could well become the next world record holder when he cleared 5.60m to defeat that most solid of competitors, Wladyslaw Kozakiewicz. Theirs was a gripping duel. Both entered at 5.30 and cleared that and 5.45 first time. At 5.55 Tully went over without trouble but the Pole needed two tries. The next height of 5.60 (a personal best) presented no problem either for the young Californian and so Kozakiewicz, after one failure, decided to take his two remaining attempts at 5.65 — a height which Tully elected to pass! The American's coolness paid off, for Kozakiewicz missed twice and victory was assured. Tully, now 5th on the world all-time list, then had the bar placed at 5.71 — a centimetre above Dave Roberts' world record — and made three good attempts. The public address system only drew the crowd's attention to the record bid as Tully prepared for his final attempt.

1, Mike Tully (USA) 5.60; 2, Wladyslaw Kozakiewicz (Eur/Pol) 5.55; 3, Axel Weber (GDR) 5.30; 4, Don Baird (O/Aus) 5.20; 5, Itsuo Takanezawa (Asia/Jap) 5.10; 6, Gunther Lohre (WG) 5.10; 7, Bruce Simpson (Am/Can) 4.90; Kaddour Rahal (Afr/Alg) failed 5.00.

**Triple Jump:** World record holder Joao Carlos de Oliveira, unable to display his best form in Montreal because of injury, achieved his most notable victory since his sensational 17.89m performance at the 1975 Pan-American Games. Anatoliy Piskulin, the world's most consistently good jumper this season, took an early lead with 16.54 and 16.60, as against the Brazilian's opening efforts of 15.70 and 16.47, but in the third round de Oliveira bounded out to 16.68 (nil wind) for what proved to be the winning mark. Piskulin was always a threat and his final jump fell only 7cm short. Milan Tiff, credited with a mighty wind-aided leap of 17.39 earlier in the season, placed no higher than fifth — and even then only on account of a superior second best.

1, Joao Carlos de Oliveira (Am/Br) 16.68; 2, Anatoliy Piskulin (Eur/USSR) 16.61; 3, Klaus Hufnagel (GDR) 16.43; 4, Charlton Ehizuelen (Afr/Nig) 16.31; 5, Milan Tiff (USA) 16.24; 6,

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## 24th-25th SEPTEMBER, 1977

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**SATURDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER**

2.00 p.m. March Past of Teams

2.30 p.m. 20 Kilometres Race

**SUNDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER**

12.00 Noon 50 Kiolmetre Race

Among the twelve teams competing for the trophy will be Britain, G.D.R., France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, U.S.S.R. and U.S.A.

On the Saturday there will also be a WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MARATHON starting at 9.30 a.m.

Wolfgang Kolmsee (WG) 16.24; 7, Toshiaki Inoue (Asia/Jap) 15.89; 8, Don Commons (O/Aus) 14.70.

**Hammer:** Karl-Hans Riehm and Jochen Sachse, first and second in the European Cup Final, renewed their rivalry with another hard fought contest. It was close, and Riehm was justified in feeling "a bit anxious over Sachse, who threw 76.44m last week". Riehm, the former world record holder, led from the outset and improved in each of the first three rounds: 74.60, 75.60, 75.64. Sachse, on the other hand, showed his best form during the second half of the competition with successive throws of 74.38, 74.62 and 75.40. Peter Farmer, who will be a tough opponent for Chris Black in Edmonton, distinguished himself with throws of 73.92 (close to his recent Australian record of 74.08) and 73.08, and pushed Yuriy Sedykh back into fourth. The Olympic champion, hampered by a knee injury all season, experienced a particularly distressing competition, for in the fifth round his throw flew far off to his left, bounced on the track and thudded into the wall in front of the spectators. Luckily no one was hurt, but as Sedykh said, "I was very frightened and thought something terrible had happened". An earlier throw of Farmer's had veered dangerously out of control and these incidents, together with a near tragedy in Montreal, must prompt arena officials to improve safety precautions.

1, Karl-Hans Riehm (WG) 75.64; 2, Jochen Sachse (GDR) 75.40; 3, Peter Farmer (O/Aus) 73.92; 4, Yuriy Sedykh (Eur/USSR) 72.20; 5, Scott Neilson (Am/Can) 67.18; 6, Emmitt Berry (USA) 63.16; 7, Kyung Yeol Noh (Asia/S. Kor) 57.88; 8, Youssef Ben Abid (Afr/Tun) 49.88.

### Women

**100:** One cannot give a single centimetre away to Marlies Oelsner, so it was Sonia Lannaman's misfortune to commit a false start — just as she had in Helsinki. At the second attempt to get the field away, Sonia was a shade cautious and the race was already lost. The world record holder was off smartly and was never seriously threatened, though a fine finish by Sonia brought her closer — exactly one metre — than in Helsinki where the margin was half as much again. Wind reading was nil.

1, Marlies Oelsner (GDR) 11.16; 2, SONIA LANNAMAN (Eur/UK) 11.26; 3, Silvia Chivas (Am/Cub) 11.34; 4, Lyudmila Storoshova (USSR) 11.40; 5, Evelyn Ashford (USA) 11.48; 6, Ufon Uko (Afr/Nig) 11.62; 7, Denise Robertson (O/Aus) 11.89; 8, Lee Eun-Ja (Asia/S. Kor) 12.21.

**800:** Totka Petrova learned the lesson of her defeat in the European Cup by Christine Liebetrau, when she was outkicked near the finish. This time she took a clear lead before the bell (59.5) and a bold third 200 brought her up to 600 some ten metres clear of Svetlana Styrkina. Liebetrau and Styrkina, locked in combat, drastically cut down the extent of the Bulgarian's lead but Petrova—second to Jane Colebrook in the European Indoor—was safe this time.

1, Totka Petrova (Eur/Bul) 1:59.2; 2, Christine Liebetrau (GDR) 1:59.5; 3, Svetlana Styrkina (USSR) 1:59.7; 4, Anne Mackie-Morelli (Am/Can) 2:02.5; 5, Sue Latter (USA) 2:05.0; 6, Rose Tata (Afr/Ken) 2:07.5; 7, Phyllis Lazarakis (O/Aus) 2:07.7; 8, Pazit Fabian (Asia/Isr) 2:12.9.

**100H:** Poland's Grazyna Rabsztyn confirmed her standing as the world's number one this year with a surprisingly clearcut victory over Olympic champion Johanna Klier in 12.70 (nil wind), fastest of the season. Away well, Rabsztyn was first over the hurdle and never looked in any danger of being caught. Klier, in fact, had her work cut out to stave off the challenge of Lyubov Nikitenko, whose time of 12.87 was a personal best.

1, Grazyna Rabsztyn (Eur/Pol) 12.70; 2, Johanna Klier (GDR) 12.86, 3, Lyubov Nikitenko (USSR) 12.87; 4, Esther Rot (Asia/Isr) 13.26; 5, Patty van Wolvelaere (USA) 13.54, 6,

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**CROSS COUNTRY TROPHY MEETING**
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**Trophies** for: Girls U/13, U/15, U/17; Boys U/11, U/13, U/15, U/17; Best Girls Team, Best Boys Team; Best Overall Team in all groups. **Medals** first 3 Inds., first 3 Teams (Also first school team not in first 3).
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**Luton United Athletic Club**
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**BOYS' RELAY**
(O/13, U/15 on 1.9.77) for the Wild Cup
**11th Annual (2 Miles)**
**COLTS' C.C. RACE**
(O/11, U/13 on 1.9.77) for Wilsher Trophy
**5th Annual (2 Miles)**
**MINOR BOYS' C.C. RACE**
(O/9, U/11 on 1.9.77) for the White Trophy
**1st Annual (4½ Miles)**
**YOUTHS' RACE**
(O/15, U/17 on 1.9.77) for new trophy
**REGIONAL SPORTS' CENTRE, LUTON**
**SATURDAY, 12th NOVEMBER, 1.45 pm**
(Under AAA & ECCU Rules)
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**Entries** to J. Dyer, 6 Rogate Road, Luton.
**CLOSING DATE 5th NOVEMBER**

Joanne McLeod (Am/Can) 14.00; 7, Modupe Oshikoya (Afr/Nig) 14.02; 8, Glynis Saunders (O/Aus) 14.75.

**Shot:** Helena Fibingerova's level of performance dipped somewhat from her world record of 22.32m a fortnight earlier; here she could do no better than 20.63 and was overtaken in the final round by Ilona Slupianek. The gap between the East Europeans and the others was never more noticeable . . . nearly five metres separating third from fourth.

1, Ilona Slupianek (GDR) 20.93; 2, Helena Fibingerova (Eur/Cze) 20.63; 3, Svetlana Krachevskaya (USSR) 20.39; 4, Maren Seidler (USA) 15.50; 5, Lucette Moreau (Am/Can) 15.16; 6, Barbara Beable (O/NZ) 15.02; 7, Ok Ja Paik (Asia/S. Kor) 14.60; 8, Nnenna Njoku (Afr/Nig) 12.43.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

**200:** What a good race this was, and what an even greater race it could have been with Don Quarrie, Steve Williams, Steve Riddick and Valeriy Borzov, all of whom were in the stadium, joining the first four. Still, this is where a World Cup differs from a world championship or a straightforward international meeting. It could not have been closer. As Eugen Ray (timed in an extraordinary 10.20 for the first curved 100!) choked in the straight so Clancy Edwards—a late substitute for Steve Riddick—pulled ahead, chased hard by Pietro Mennea. The Italian lunged at the finish but didn't quite close the gap although both were timed at 20.17. Silvio Leonard, who tops the 1977 rankings with 20.08 at altitude, also overtook Ray. There was a 1.0m/sec following wind.

1, Clancy Edwards (USA) 20.17; 2, Pietro Mennea (Eur/Ita) 20.17; 3, Silvio Leonard (Am/Cub) 20.30; 4, Eugen Ray (GDR) 20.57; 5, Bernd Sattler (WG) 20.98; 6, Toshio Toyota (Asia/Jap) 21.24; 7, Degnan Kablan (Afr/Iv C) 21.26; 8, Colin McQueen (O/Aus) 21.75.

**400 (re-run):** Winner of the original race, Volker Beck, did not mince his words: "For me, the decision to repeat the race is a scandal". He showed up, though, which is more than the African and Oceanian representatives did. "This time I heard the starting shot very well," but still Alberto Juantorena's reactions were sluggish and he was slowest away. Robert Taylor headed the Cuban into the final straight but Juantorena threshed his way ahead to win. There was only a metre in it at the end, though, for Beck finished strongly to improve again to 45.50, a GDR record. "I am very satisfied," he remarked. Juantorena commented: "I am totally exhausted; it was a very hard race for me." He added that he had not trained so seriously this year for 400 and that next year he would be combining the 800 with . . . the 1500. All six starters ran faster than the previous day.

1, Alberto Juantorena (Am/Cub) 45.36; 2, Volker Beck (GDR) 45.50; 3, Robert Taylor (USA) 45.57; 4, Ryszard Podlas (Eur/Pol) 45.60; 5, Franz-Peter Hofmeister (WG) 45.78; 6, Uday Krishna Pradu (Asia/Ind) 47.75. Felix Imadiyi (Afr/Nig) & Richard Mitchell (O/Aus) scr.

# Yifter Completes Double

**5000:** This was some line-up: Karl Fleschen, 4th fastest of all time (13:13.9) and recent mile winner over John Walker in 3:54.7; Marty Liquori, winner in Zurich the previous week in a US record of 13:16.0 ahead of Dick Quax (13:17.3) and Miruts Yifter (13:18.1); Yifter himself, already winner of the 10,000; Nick Rose, European Cup winner with a best of 13:20.6; Manfred Kuschmann, European 10,000 champion and GDR record holder with 13:19.5; Hideki Kita (13:27.4); Dave Fitzsimons, controversially preferred to Quax as Oceania's representative (13:33.2); and Domingo Tibaduiza (13:39.0).

Fleschen made all the early running, reaching 1000 in 2:39.3 and 2000 in 5:20.4. Rose burst ahead on the 7th lap and, passing 3000 in 8:02.5, speeded up the proceedings with a series of surges. He produced successive laps of 62.0, 63.5 and 63.7—fast running, which disposed of Fleschen, Kuschmann and apparently Liquori—but by 4000 (10:43.2) he was still being shadowed by Yifter and the surprising Fitzsimons. Liquori and Kuschmann followed 20m behind. With Rose lapping at 64/65 Liquori began to creep back into contact, so that as the bell sounded it was Rose by 2m from Yifter, with the now sensational Fitzsimons only another stride back; then a 6m gap to the resurging Liquori.

The writing was on the wall for Nick, bravely as he had been running: the pace and duration of his surges hadn't been severe enough to drop the opposition and he was powerless to counter the big kickers. Predictably, Yifter went with 300 to go with only Liquori able to stay reasonably close. With 200 left Yifter's margin over the American was 7m, with Fitzsimons and Rose each another 20m further back. Liquori tried his hardest to reduce the deficit but by the time the straight was reached he knew it was all over. Timed at 26.2 for the last 200, 53.7 for the ultimate lap, Yifter had 10m to spare in 13:13.8—5th fastest time in history and less than a second outside's Quax's pending world record. Liquori confirmed the immense promise he showed at this event in 1975 by improving his record to 13:15.1, while Fitzsimons chopped over quarter of a minute off his best with an inspired 13:17.4, only 0.8 outside Ron Clarke's Australian record. Nick Rose ran a good, honest race to clip his personal best by a fifth with 13:20.4.

1, Miruts Yifter (Afr/Eth) 13:13.8; 2, Marty Liquori (USA) 13:15.1; 3, Dave Fitzsimons (O/Aus) 13:17.4; 4, NICK ROSE (Eur/UK) 13:20.4; 5, Manfred Kuschmann (GDR) 13:24.8; 6, Karl Fleschen (WG) 13:31.7; 7, Hideki Kita (Asia/Jap) 13:40.4; 8, Domingo Tibaduiza (Am/Col) 14:13.3.

# Tragedy For USA In The Final Event

**110 Hurdles:** During the past few weeks Alejandro Casanas has set a world record of 13.21 in Sofia (the back-up hand timing awarded him 12.9!), Thomas Munkelt has beaten Charles Foster in West Berlin (13.49—13.71), and Foster has defeated Casanas in Zurich (13.49—13.51). An intriguing clash was in prospect to decide the 1977 'world title'. It was Casanas who showed ahead most of the way, with Munkelt close behind, but when the Cuban hit the 9th hurdle Munkelt edged in front and he pulled away for a clear win in 13.41 as Casanas held on to second place with just 1/100th to spare over Foster. There was no wind.

1, Thomas Munkelt (GDR) 13.41; 2, Alejandro Casanas (Am/Cub) 13.50; 3, Charles Foster (USA) 13.51; 4, Jan Pusty (Eur/Cze) 13.66; 5, Godwin Obasogie (Afr/Nig) 13.95; 6, Dieter Gebhard (WG) 14.09; 7, Warren Parr (O/Aus) 14.23; 8, Ishtiaq Ahmad Mubarak (Asia/Malay) 14.37.

**High Jump:** Straddler Rolf Beilschmidt underlined his claim to be considered the world's most consistent high jumper in the regions of 2.28m and above with yet another 2.30 clearance and, for the fifth time this season, he attempted a world record—failing at 2.34 (7ft 8in). Olympic champion Jacek Wszola, needing all three tries at 2.15, was unable to clear 2.27, so it was left to Dwight Stones to fight it out alone with the East German. Stones, who hates being referred to as the former world record holder and has resolved to rectify that situation before the season ends, made 2.27 but bowed out at 2.30.

1, Rolf Beilschmidt (GDR) 2.30; 2, Dwight Stones (USA) 2.27; 3, Jacek Wszola (Eur/Pol) 2.24; 4, Carlo Thranhardt (WG) 2.21; 5, M'Baiadoum Ngadjadoum (Afr/Chad) 2.15; 6, Richard Spencer (Am/Cub) 2.15; 7, Gordon Windeyer (O/Aus) 2.10; 8, Teymour Ghiassi (Asia/Iran) 2.10.

**Javelin:** Michael Wessing, West Germany's top thrower since the decline through injury of 1972 Olympic champion Klaus Wolfermann, was in second place to East Germany's Wolfgang Hanisch (84.28m) with one throw remaining. As he made his approach run the 50,000 crowd roared its encouragement; an even louder cheer accompanied the delivery of the throw, followed by a momentary lull as the fans evaluated the flight of the spear. Then came the crescendo of noise as it was seen that the implement was winging its way well past the 80m line, climaxing in an eruption of sound—akin to that for a winning goal in an FA Cup Final—as the javelin touched down comfortably past Hanisch's marker. Wessing danced around in joy and went practically delirious when the measurement flashed up . . . a personal best of 87.46. It was, in the context of the competition, a monster of a throw, and even those who were not directly supporting the West German team effort could not fail to have been excited and moved by the occasion.

1, Michael Wessing (WG) 87.46; 2, Wolfgang Hanisch (GDR) 84.28; 3, Miklos Nemeth (Eur/Hun) 80.82; 4, Rod Ewaliko (USA) 77.26; 5, Juan Jarvis (Am/Cub) 77.06; 6, Mike O'Rourke (O/Nz) 74.46; 7, Ali Memmi (Afr/Tun) 70.48; 8, Mohamed Munir (Asia/Pak) 69.54.

**4 x 400:** The fate of the World Cup hinged on this final event. The East Germans were leading the USA by 122 points to 120, so it was imperative that the Americans should finish at least two positions clear of their rivals. At the start of the last leg it looked all over in favour of the USA: they were a stride clear of the West Germans, with the Europe team (for whom David Jenkins contributed a 45.5 leg) third some 10m behind, and the East Germans fourth. But disaster lay less than half a lap away for the USA; in the backstraight Maxie Parks pulled a muscle and was out of the race. The West Germans won the event and the East Germans in fourth place picked up 5pts to the USA's none to win the Cup: 127-120. Even had the USA finished second in the race the score would have been 127-126 in their favour, but all credit to East Germany for a splendid all-round team effort. Meanwhile, while this drama was being played out, Alberto Juantorena was producing another memorable performance. Taking over back in sixth place he roared through to third with a leg timed in 43.7. Next fastest splits were 44.5 and 44.8 for hurdlers Harald Schmid and Ed Moses respectively, and 44.9 for Ryszard Podlas.

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West Germany 3:01.3 (Krieg 46.5, Hofmeister 45.3, Schmid 44.5, Herrmann 45.0); 2, Europe 3:02.5 (Alebic 46.3, Demarthon 45.8, JENKINS 45.5, Podlas 44.9); 3, America 3:02.7 (da Silva, Sowerby, Saunders, Juantorena); 4, GDR 3:03.9 (Kokot, Beyer, Arnold, Beck); 5, Africa 3:04.3 (Kablan, Kebenei, Udo, Imadiyi); 6, Oceania 3:06.3 (Higham, Mitchell, Hodgins, Erkkila); 7, Asia 3:10.9 (Ku Bon Chil, Entezari, Wang Roung-Hwa, Pradu); USA dnf (Vinson 46.2, Andrews 45.1, Moses 44.8, Parks).

**FINAL SCORES**

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|---|---|---|
| 1. | GDR (East Germany) | 127 |
| 2. | United States | 120 |
| 3. | West Germany | 112 |
| 4. | Europe Select | 111 |
| 5. | America | 92 |
| 6. | Africa | 78 |
| 7. | Oceania | 48 |
| 8. | Asia | 44 |

# Irena Great As Ever

### Women

**400:** This was a race that shaped up as one of the outstanding track duels of all time . . . and it was. In lane 3 was Marita Koch (20), the second fastest performer in history with 49.53; in lane 4 was Irena Szewinska (31), Olympic champion and world record holder at 49.29 and undefeated in serious races at this distance. They had not clashed in the European Cup Final, where Irena won the 200 and Marita the 400, but the East German had scored a rare victory over her Polish rival in the 200 at Nice on August 21st: 22.55 to 22.63.

Koch is known for her blazing first 200's and this race proved no exception. She pulled in Szewinska along the back straight to pass the 200 mark a couple of metres ahead in 23.1 — a high class time for that distance alone. Koch kept up the pressure around the turn and was still two metres to the good entering the final straight. Gradually, but ever so gradually, the longer stride of Irena made inroads into that lead and once again we could admire the qualities which make her such a special champion. No panic as the tape got ever nearer with Koch still ahead — Irena kept her head and her stride length, and wore down her opponent. With 20m to go, Irena passed her and at the finish was 2m clear in 49.52, the second fastest time ever. Marita, who one day — but not quite yet — will take over as the world's number one, was magnificent too. She clocked 49.76, fastest time never to win a race.

1, Irena Szewinska (Eur/Pol) 49.52; 2, Marita Koch (GDR) 49.76; 3, Marina Sidorova (USSR) 51.29; 4, Sharon Dabney (USA) 51.96; 5, Aurelia Penton (Am/Cub) 52.33; 6, Verna Burnard (O/Aus) 52.57; 7, Ruth Waithira (Afr/Ken) 53.90; 8, Than Than (Asia/Burma) 55.88.

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**ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 12th**

women ever to have broken 8:40 for the distance, world record holder Lyudmila Bragina (8:27.1) and Grete Waitz (8:36.8). Jan Merrill, the American who did so well last year in the Olympic 1500, laid on the pace — 2:52.4 at 1000, 5:52.6 at 2000 — and was still in front at the bell, closely pursued by Waitz, Ulrike Bruns and Bragina. Waitz, who used to hold the world record, burst ahead 250m out, opened up a 10m lead within 50, and raced home in superb style. Clocking 29.4 for the last 200 and under 61 for the lap she recorded 8:43.5, with Bragina just pipping the gallant Merrill (who smashed the USA record) for second 20m behind. National records too for the GDR, Kenya (& Africa), and Singapore.

1, Grete Waitz (Eur/Nor) 8:43.5; 2, Lyudmila Bragina (USSR) 8:46.3; 3, Jan Merrill (USA) 8:46.6; 4, Ulrike Bruns (GDR) 8:49.2; 5, Angela Cook (O/Aus) 9:14.6; 6, Debbie Scott (Am/Can) 9:18.7; 7, Elizabeth Cheptum (Afr/Ken) 9:22.1; 8, Jayamani Kandasamy (Asia/Sing) 10:10.5.

**Long Jump:** Hands up, those who remember an Australian girl called Lyn Tillett who, back in 1970 at the age of 17, was credited with a world 60m record of 7.1? Well, she is now Mrs Lynette Jacenko and it was she who brought off the most unexpected result of the meeting. "The girl from the GDR will certainly win", she had predicted, but on the day Brigitte Kunzel was unable to place higher than 4th with 6.42m while she herself leapt 6.54, just 6cm below her best, for victory.

1, Lynette Tillett (O/Aus) 6.54; 2, Jarmila Nygrynova (Eur/Cze) 6.48; 3, Tatyana Skatchko (USSR) 6.48; 4, Brigitte Kunzel (GDR) 6.42; 5, Sumie Awara (Asia/Jap) 6.23; 6, Modupe Oshikoya (Afr/Nig) 6.15; 7, Jane Frederick (USA) 6.13; 8, Shonel Ferguson (Am/Bah) 6.11.

**Discus:** It was Faina Veleva (née Melnik) all the way from her first round throw of 64.12m. She improved to 64.84 with her second and drew far away from her only two serious rivals with a fifth-round 68.10.

1, Faina Veleva (USSR) 68.10; 2, Argentina Menis (Eur/Rum) 63.38; 3, Sabine Engel (GDR) 63.12; 4, Lucette Moreau (Am/Can) 54.52; 5, Lynne Winbigler (USA) 53.16; 6, Gael Mulhall (O/Aus) 50.66; 7, Ok Ja Paik (Asia/Kor) 45.68; 8, Fethia Jerbi (Afr/Tun) 44.58.

**4 x 100:** Britain can claim one and a half victories in Dusseldorf: Steve Ovett and 50 per cent of the winning Europe relay squad. The West German national sprint coach, Wolfgang Thiele, was responsible for moulding together the Anglo-German alliance of Elvira Possekel, Andrea Lynch, Annegret Richter and Sonia Lannaman, and what a fine job he made of it. In their first competitive test, at Ludenscheid a few days earlier, they clocked a promising 43.06. On the occasion that mattered the girls brought the time down to a scintillating 42.51, a mere 1/100th away from the GDR's world record—though admittedly a composite team would not have been eligible for the record anyway. The GDR, favourites for the event, bungled the second changeover, leaving Europe

and the USSR well clear and Sonia's storming anchor settled the issue. That defeat ended any last remote hope of a GDR cup victory, for the East Germans were 4 pts behind Europe before that race, and so the Europe Select team won the trophy—which, fittingly, Irena Szewinska stepped forward to receive. Britain's contribution, apart from this relay, came from Sonia in the 100 (2nd), Tessa Sanderson in the javelin (3rd) and Donna Hartley in the 4 x 400 (2nd).

1, Europe (Posssekel, LYNCH, Richter, LANNAMAN) 42.51; 2, GDR (Hamann, Schneider, Brestrich, Oelsner) 42.65; 3, USSR (Anisimova, Maslakova, Sidorova, Storoshkova) 42.91; 4, America (Hodges, Chivas, Loverock, Pusey) 42.95; 5, Oceania (Brown, Boyle, Wilson, Wells) 44.20; 6, Africa (Ekpo, Kyomo, Sissokho, Uko) 46.67; 7, Asia (Rieuwpassa, Chin Leng Sin, Nonishi, Eun-Ja) 47.40; USA (Bowen, Jiles, Bryant, Ashford) disq.

**FINAL SCORES**

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| 1. | Europe Select | 107 |
| 2. | GDR (East Germany) | 102 |
| 3. | Soviet Union | 89 |
| 4. | United States | 59 |
| 5. | America | 55 |
| 6. | Oceania | 45 |
| 7. | Africa | 31 |
| 8. | Asia | 29 |

# Enter Ovett – Long Distance Road Star

Amongst late entries for the WIN LIGHTERS sponsored Dartford Half Marathon on August 20th was the name Steve Ovett — surprising not just because of his acclaim, but the more so because he has rarely ventured on to the road for distances of over five miles and had never appeared in a road race of this distance before. Steve was unable to get his flight to Edinburgh to compete in the Highland Games against New Zealand's John Walker in the 1000m event and in consequence decided at the very last minute to join his Brighton & Hove clubmates who had already entered the half marathon.

Immediately a group detached itself from the main bunch which included inevitably Barry Watson, Richard Green, Mike Hurd, John King, Barry Nash, Roger Friend and Steve Ovett. At 5M The leaders were down to Ovett, Watson, King and Hurd timed at 24:39 with Green 13 secs down. At about 8M Ovett and Watson were alone; but shortly after this Ovett pulled ahead much to the surprise of all including Watson and at 10M the leaders were: — Ovett 49:25, Watson 49:41, Hurd 50:00, King 50:14. From then on it was almost over and with seemingly little effort Ovett cruised home in 65:38.

**D. J. Nash**

1, S. Ovett (Brighton & Hove) . . . . . 1:05:38
2, B. Watson (Cambridge H) . . . . . 1:05:59
3. M. Hurd (RAF Wattisham) . . . . . 1:06:22
4, J. King (S Heath) 1:07:13; 5, R. Green (Har) 1:08:37; 6, M. Patterson (B&H) 1:09:12; 7, W. Weller (Bel) 1:09:35; 8, M. Watts (Notts) 1:09:53; 9, R. Friend (Dart) 1:10:12; 10, J. Wilkins (Inv) 1:10:17; 11, I. MacMillan (Inv) 1:10:55; 12, B. Nash (Dart) 1:12:05; 13, R. Small (Met P) 1:12:14; 14, J. Clare (B'heath) 1:12:16; 15, A. Lambourne (B&H) 1:12:27; 16, L. Mann (Bel) 1:12:31; 17, N. King (Lon I) 1:12:33; 18, L. Sawkins (S'end) 1:12:35; 19, M. Herring (Ilf) 1:12:38; 20, S. Hughes (Camb H) 1:13:45; 21, N. Rodriques (RAF) 1:13:49; 22, T. Wood (E&E) 1:14:20; 23, M. Baggs (Wey) 1:14:30; 24, S. Masterson (Bel) 1:15:02; 25, G. Valentine (Bas) 1:15:15; 26, R. Kearns (B'mouth) 1:16:00; 27, B. Casey (HHH) 1:16:18; 28, J. Jackson (Bel) 1:16:30; 29, J. Bell (Felt) 1:16:35; 30, G. Ashdown (B&H) 1:16:36. **Teams:** 1, Belgrave 47; 2, Brighton & Hove 51; 3, Invicta 53; 4, Dartford 75. **(Senior Women):** 1, L. Billington (Felt) 1:29:54; 2, B. Norrish (B&H) 1:32:25; 3, J. Everett (Norf) 1:36:40; 4, J. Dicker (B&H) 1:38:50; 5, L. Hawkins (W&DH) 2:03:53.

**NORTHERN LEAGUE**
**(Division One)**
**At Huddersfield, July 30th**

**Leeds City 277; Rowntrees 223; Liverpool Pembroke 204; Longwood 199½; Sale 191½; Hull Spartan 143.**

200: A. Staniland (Leeds) 22.3. 400: B. Jones (Liv P) 49.9. PV: R. Murphy (Leeds) 3.75. LJ: K. Bennington (Rown) 6.77. SP: I. Lindley (Leeds) 14.98. DT: P. Armstrong (Leeds) 43.30. HT: M. Adamson (Hull S) 45.74.

**(Division Two)**
**At Derby, July 30th**

Bingley 237; Derby & Co 233; A&SV 225; Middlesbrough & C 196; Morpeth 195; Warrington 178.

**(Division Five East)**
**At Stretford, July 30th**

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# WALKING NEWS

## By Colin Young

MEXICAN Juniors hot up the pace in American 20km Championship but Scully and Pyke get amongst them at Seattle, June 5th. Held on a 4½ lap asphalt park circuit it was Canto and Scully who set the pace until the former dropped away with leg cramps in the last 5km. Eventual winner, Castro, came through strongly with half a lap left to take the lead and win going away. Felix Gomez had a warning early and was disqualified at 15km but was allowed to finish where he clocked 91:05 in front of fast finishing Neal Pyke. Dan O'Connor and Steve DiBernardo clinched their Lugano places as Tom Dooley faded with a blistered heel and John Knifton was pulled in the last 100y after passing Dooley. 1, M. Castro (Mex) 90:04.8 (21:37/44:03/67:00); 2, T. Scully 90:35 (21:28/43:35/66:29); 3, N. Pyke 91:29 (23:10/45:56/68:14); 4, C. Reyes (Mex) 93:28 (23:10/45:20/68:28); 5, E. Canto (Mex) 94:01 (21:28/43:35/66:08); 6, D. O'Connor 94:43 (22:35/44:55/69:04); 7, S. DiBernardo 94:50 (47:51/71:20); 8, J. Heiring 95:18 (46:29/71:01); 9, T. Dooley 96:48 (46:45/71:04); 10, D. Himmelberger 97:46 (48:20/73:07); 11, D. Romansky 98:19 (47:43/72:48); 12, W. Ranney 99:53 (48:33/73:46).

**Todd Scully 5:59.2 and 12:59.2 in separate races on the same night at Seattle, June 7th.** Two days after his 90:35 in the National 20km Todd Scully put on a tremendous display of sprint walking by becoming the first man to go under 6:00 for the mile and then returning 3½ hours later for an American record 2 miles and 3km. In the mile Todd had splits of 1:24/2:52/4:26. Passing the mile in 6:26, Scully recorded 12:07.4 for 3km en route in the 2M.

**Todd Scully and Sue Brodock AAU track winners at Los Angeles, June 9th/10th.** With the judging very strict and the weather humid the overall standard was very good. Todd Scully cruised to a comfortable victory after his sensational sprint clockings at Seattle three days earlier. Larry Walker came through very well after a slow start while Steve DiBernardo, off for another altitude spell in Mexico in readiness for the Lugano Cup, had an excellent showing for third. Ron Daniel finished with 22:45 but was disqualified with 100m to go. Veteran Bill Ranney had a good effort for sixth. Sue Brodock, had a earlier 23:52 displayed due to lack of judges and no curb, walked a superb race and will obviously trouble the Britons and the Swedes when they meet. (Senior Men 5km): 1, T. Scully 21:30.1; 2, L. Walker 22:03.2; 3, S. DiBernardo 22:30.7; 4, W. Glusker 22:49.2; 5, J. Fredericks 23:12.6; 6, W. Ranney 23:19.4. (Senior Women 5km): 1, S. Brodock 24:10.0 (rec); 2, S. Liers 25:30.9; 3, J. Brodock 26:01.1; 4, T. Trisco 26:12.0; 5, L. Bottlik 26:15.4; 6, S. McPherson 26:18.4. (Juniors 3km): 1, S. Liers 14:51.0; 2, T. Trisco 15:04.1; 3, J. Brodock 15:19.5.

**Larry Young clocks 4:19:58 for his 8th AAU 50km at Columbia, Miss on August 14th as O'Connor, Hirt and Dooley join him on Lugano Cup Team.** Despite the 5.30am start the weather was affecting the competitors in the latter stages with 27°C and 90% humidity. However, nothing seemed to worry Larry Young (winner in 1966/7/8/71/2/5/6) who moved well clear from halfway despite not racing all year to clock a world class 4:19:58. Behind him there were race long tussels to make the trip to Milton Keynes. Two fancied and ever improving young men, Dan O'Connor and Augie Hirt, finished second and third with fast finishing Tom Dooley, 1968 and 1972 Olympian at 20km, recording a pb in his first really serious effort at the distance. Claiming the all important next place 22-year-olds, Bob Rosencrantz, who was spectating at our National 50km after winning the Maccabiah 3km and Randy Mimm, both had magnificent races with promising newcomer, Martin Kraft, close behind. O'Connor has opted for the 50km in preference to the 20km for the Lugano thus allowing in Jim Heirning for the latter distance. The USA squad now hope to train at altitude at Squaw Valley in September before coming to London. 1, L. Young 4:19:58; 2, D. O'Connor 4:24:06; 3, A. Hirt 4:25:50; 4, T. Dooley 4:26:26; 5, R. Rosencrantz 4:29:23; 6, R. Mimm 4:32:01; 7, M. Kraft 4:34:00; 8, W. Glusker 4:34:40; 9, J. Knifton 4:37:58; 10, G. Sweezey (Can) 4:41:32; 11, T. Knatt 4:41:39; 12, R. Faciola 4:48:40. 22 finished.

**Sue Brodock 51:17 10km track win in WAAU Champs at Stanford, June 18th.** 1, S. Brodock 51:17 (rec); 2, S. Liers 51:51; 3, S. McPherson 54:10; 4, J. Brodock 54:29; 5, J. Bocci 55:33; 6, C. Sakelarious 55:51. 19 finished.

**European Results Round-Up. 13.3. Calabria. 20km:** 1, R. DiNicola 87:04.8; 2, V. Visini 88:18.2; 3, S. Bellucci 89:11.2; 4, A. Zambaldo 89:11.3. **3.4. Athens. 10km Track:** H. Karagiorgis 44:10.6 (rec). **3.4. Turin. 20km Track:** M. DiMilano 88:52.6. **17.4. Vasteras. Women's 10km Track:** M. Simu 48:59. **17.4. Gudnia (Pol). 20km:** 1, B. Kmiecik 89:38.4; 2, M. Gorski 90:26. **50km:** F. Sliwinski 4:18:26.8. **17.4. Ajka (Hun). 20km:** 1, J. Dalmati 87:29.6; 2, J. Szalas 88:03.6; 3, L. Sator 88:46.6; 4, J. Tabori 89:26.4. **24.4. Paris. 50km Track:** J. P. Garcia 4:18:56.2. **24.4. Budapest. 30km Track:** 1, I. Stankovics 2:17:22.8 (rec); 2, J. Szalas 2:18:35.2; 3, L. Sator 2:19:11.4. **24.4. Russe (Bulg). 20km:** 1, E. Semedyiev 88:18; 2, F. Sparmann (GDR) 88:58; 3, V. Galusic (Yug) 89:40; 4, L. Pescaru (Rum) 90:28; 5, T. Brandt (Rum) 90:32; 6, M. Gorski (Pol) 90:40. **30.4. Swedish 50km Champs. Gothenburg:** 1, L. Karlsson 4:19:40; 2, O. Hemingsson 4:21:30; 3, L. Lundgren 4:22:16; 4, S. O. Elofsson 4:22:38; 5, B. Fransson 4:23:24. **30.4. Swedish Women's 10km Champs. Gothenburg:** 1, Siv Gustavsson 48:40 (world best); 2, Elisabeth Olsson 53:08; 3, Monika Karlsson 53:22; 4, Britt Holmquist 53:57. M. Simu disq at 8km. **8.5. Frankfurt. 20km:** 1,

H. Michalski 90:51.6; 2, H. Schubert 91:43.2; 3, H. Mayr 91:55.4; 4, A. Schwarz 91:58. **7.6. Tranava (Cz). 20km:** 1, B. Duda (Pol) 86:22.4; 2, J. Ornoch (Pol) 87:22.4; 3, P. Szikora (Cz) 88:16.0. **8.6. 50km:** 1, F. Biro (Cz) 4:09:12.8; 2, V. Fajt (Cz) 4:10:55.8; 3, J. Ptak (Cz) 4:11:53.0; 4, L. Vitez (Cz) 4:12:37.8; 5, J. Macek (Cz) 4:14:00.0; 6, F. Vanous (Cz) 4:15:32.4. **15.6. Barcelona.** France 52; Spain 46; Belgium 34; Switzerland 26. **Junior 5km:** 1, P. La Fleur (F) 23:53; 2, G. Martin (F) 23:59. **20km:** 1, J. Marin (S) 93:31.4; 2, J. P. Garnung (F) 94:17.2; 3, G. DeJonckheere (B) 94:55.4. **50km:** 1, A. Jorba (S) 4:19:56.4; 2, L. Gautier (F) 4:29:00. **19.6. Gothenburg. Junior 10km:** 1, S. Sjunnesson 44:00; 2, B. Simonsen 44:28. **22.6. Bologna. 10km Track:** G. Fabbri 41:53.8.

**Juniors dominate Gloucester '7' at Gloucester, August 14th.** That keen enthusiast of the sport in the West Country, Chris Newman, promoted another excellent event in the centre of the city. Held on a three lap course 'around the houses' with the start and finish in the main park there were plenty of local dignitaries and spectators to witness the race which attracted 46 starters in the Senior event. Junior international, Colin Wilkes, who has had a very quiet year so far had a convincing win over two fellow under 21's, King and Maddocks. The much travelled Devon and Dawlish squad won the team race from Ilford, whose Brian Armstrong was very happy with a pb in fourth place while Geoff Hunwicks returned from injury. In all nearly 100 walkers competed in the various age group events. 1, C. Wilkes (Harb) 51:51; 2, A. King (Leic) 52:18; 3, C. Maddocks (D&D) 52:39.

**Havering AC Open Meeting at Newham, August 14th.** (Senior Men 5km): 1, D. Sheppard (New) 23:59; 2, N. Stone (New) 24:22; 3, R. Pearce (S'end) 25:13; 4, J. Hedgethorne (New) 25:36; 5, R. Sheppard (New-J) 25:58; 6, J. Perkins (New) 26:14. (Youths 3km): S. Mendham (New) 16:15. (Boys 2500m): 1, T. Marchant (Hav) 13:29; 2, T. Ware (Hav) 13:47; 3, I. Robery (Hav) 13:52. (U/13 2km): 1, T. Croft (Bas) 12:24; 2, B. Ganhegan (Hav) 13:13. (Senior Women 5km): 1, M. DiGiovanni (Croy) 27:58; 2, S. Macauley (Ex P) 28:16. (Inters 3km): 1, S. Till (Craw) 16:22; 2, K. Puffett (E&E) 18:21; 3, G. Brackpool (E&E) 18:27. (Juniors 2500m): 1, J. Barrett (Ver) 14:12; 2, C. Ganhegan (Hav) 15:11; 3, T. Butler (Hav) 16:32. (Girls 2km): 1, H. Downing (E&E) 12:10; 2, E. Ganhegan (Hav) 12:14; 3, M. Davitt (New) 12:17.

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## SCAAA OPEN MEETING
### At Crystal Palace, August 10th

**400:** 1, M. Gregory (BRC) 48.9; 2, D. Mote (Sy) 49.8; 3, J. Robertson (E Kt) 50.2. **1500:** 1, G. Nurse (Leic) 3:49.6; 2, K. McDonald (Leeds) 3:51.2; 3, W. Tarquini (HHH) 3:51.8; 4, A. Nixon (S&E) 3:52.5; 5, M. Deegan (O&R) 3:53.3; 6, E. Brown (Bas) 3:53.7; 7, J. Allen (Ire) 3:56.2. (B): 1, B. Attwell (E&E) 3:51.1; 2, E. Martin (Bas) 3:52.0; 3, G. Richardson (AF&D) 3:53.2; 4, J. Davidson (Kett) 3:53.4; 5, J. Montgomery (Kett) 3:54.2; 6, S. Morley (B&H) 3:54.5; 7, G. Ribbons (E&E) 3:55.2; 8, M. Little (Croy) 3:55.4; 9, R. Samuel (Shaft) 3:56.0. (C): B. Meadows (Ilf) 3:55.9. **BMC 1500:** T. Hutchings (Jnr) 3:50.2. **5000:** 1, J. Wild (C&C) 13:53.2; 2, Gren Tuck (C&C) 13:56.4; 3, B. Cole (Tip) 13:58.6; 4, J. Cain (Port) 13:58.8; 5, Grah Tuck (C&C) 13:59.0; 6, J. Bicourt (Bel) 14:02.6; 7, K. Penny (Camb H) 14:06.8; 8, P. Gilsenan (Kett) 14:11.8; 9, M. Brameld (Inv) 14:14.4; 10, G. Hannon (Ire) 14:15.2; 11, P. Lee (Inv) 14:15.8; 12, K. Clifford (C&C) 14:17.2; 13, D. Beever (Poly) 14:22.8; 14, J. Roberts (SLH) 14:27.2; 15, G. Nicholson (Croy) 14:29.0; 16, R. Gill (Ilf) 14:30.2; 17, P. Stamp (AF&D) 14:31.4; 18, D. Faircloth (Croy) 14:32.2; 19, P. Coyle (Lon I) 14:33.0; 20, J. Barnes (Camb H) 14:34.0; 21, I. Beauchamp (HBS) 14:36.0; 22, J. Davidson (Kett) 14:39.0; 23, I. Logan (AF&D) 14:40.0. **400H:** C. Hopkinson (Chelm) 56.4. **HJ:** 1, D. Walters (B&H) 1.95; 2, D. Alexander (VPH) 1.90. **PV:** 1, K. Stock (Croy) 4.90; 2, A. Williams (Camb H) 4.90; 3, D. Thompson (Ex B) 4.90; 4, T. Gardner (Hill) 4.60; 5, W. Best (BoE) 4.40. **LJ:** 1, A. Lees (Tonb) 6.97; 2, M. Morris (H&S) 6.87; 3, W. Hinds (H&S) 6.80; 4, M. James (WS&E) 6.75. **(Juniors) 400:** K. Ruck (E Kt) 50.3. (C): B. Dickens (HHH) 50.1. **1500:** 1, A. Ingram (Bed) 3:54.6; 2, G. Fell (Ex B) 3:55.9. **HJ:** 1, T. Llewellyn (B'heath) 2.00; 2, T. Foulger (B'heath) 1.95; 3, L. Wall-Row (Ox) 1.90. **PV:** 1, A. Jackson (Lut) 4.20; 2, W. Radwanski (HW) 3.60. **(Youths) 400:** 1, R. Jerrett (Med) 51.3; 2, R. Lewis (Felt) 51.7. (C): G. Henry (HW) 50.4. **1500:** 1, A. Douglas (Craw) 4:01.7; 2, D. Black (ER) 4:01.8; 3, P. Rolland (HBS) 4:03.4; 4, G. Richardson (Leic) 4:04.7; 5, R. Peck (Col) 4:05.0; 6, J. Payne (Brack) 4:05.3; 7, A. Craik (Ton) 4:05.5; 8, D. Hughes (Liv H) 4:05.8; 9, A. Bright (Col) 4:06.0. **PV:** M. Koska (WS&E) 3.40. **LJ:** T. Maltby (B'heath) 6.55. **(Boys) 400:** 1, M. Holden (Ply) 52.6; 2, M. Harrison (Ex B) 52.9; 3, N. Grover (B&H) 53.2; 4, N. Bruneau (Felt) 53.8; 5, I. Howe (E&E) 55.2. **1500:** R. Coe (Kt) 4:22.3.

## BOURNEMOUTH PIER-TO-PIER RACES
### August 7th

1, C. Stewart (Bournemouth) . . . . . (rec) 13:00
2, N. Gates (Bristol) . . . . . 13:18
3, L. Presland (Aldershot, F&D) . . . . 13:27
4, D. Francis (West) 13:37; 5, H. Chadwick (B'mouth) 13:49; 6, G. Davies (Bris) 13:56; 7, B. Smith (B'mouth) 14:12; 8, D. Williams (HW) 14:13; 9, S. Crawshay (B'mouth) 14:19; 10, P. Richards, (B'mouth) 14:29. **(Boys):** 1, S. Plant (Liv) 6:39; 2, M. Daniels (Coll) 7:02; 3, B. Liley (B'mouth) 7:06. **(Senior Women):** 1, A. Holland (Trow) 6:51; 2, Y. Miles (B'mouth) 7:02; 3, K. Stretton (B'mouth) 7:25. **(Girls):** 1, D. Cole (Ilf) 6:36; 2, R. Bowles (S&E) 6:56; 3, A. Schmidt (B'mouth) 7:32.

**UK v West Germany Match** **At Crystal Palace, August 28th/29th**

# BRITISH ATHLETES IN HOLIDAY MOOD

## UK records for Hooper & Ann Ford as Germans trounced

HAVING vanquished the Russians at Meadowbank a couple of days earlier, the British men's and women's teams next took on the West Germans in the Guardian Royal Exchange sponsored Bank Holiday International at Crystal Palace—and trounced them too. To be honest, the Germans weren't anywhere near full strength and therefore the British margin of victory (39 points by the men, 31 by the women) should not be endowed with too much significance, but this was nevertheless an effervescent display by the British athletes. It says much for the quality, durability and depth of the team that two resounding victories could be achieved within such a short period of time. Of course the match results have been flattering to Britain, but let's not sell the team short . . . they have been terrific.

**Mel Watman reporting**

Just look at some of the performances at Crystal Palace: a UK record by Brian Hooper in the pole vault (5.40/17ft 8½in), a superb 800/mile double by Sebastian Coe (1:47.8/3:57.7), personal bests by Ainsley Bennett (10.47 100) and Glen Cohen (45.89 400), 13:32.1 5000 by Julian Goater, 8:28.2 steeplechase by Dennis Coates, hurdle marks of 14.09 by Berwyn Price and 50.09 by Alan Pascoe, and first rate field event victories—besides Hooper's—by Roy Mitchell (7.78 LJ), Keith Connor (16.07 TJ), Geoff Capes (20.49 SP), Chris Black (72.08 HT) and Dave Ottley (80.50 JT). The girls were equally brilliant. Led by Ann Ford's British 3000 record of 8:52.8, they produced such marks as 11.40/23.71 sprints by Andrea Lynch (with Sharon Colyear and Kathy Smallwood providing formidable support), 52.63 400 by Verona Elder, 2:02.8 800 by Jane Colebrook (with 16-year-old Jo White close behind), 4:10.6 1500 by Mary Stewart, a narrow 100 hurdles win over 13.38 performer Silvia Kempin by Lorna Boothe, 6.55 long jump by Sue Reeve and 16m-plus shot puts by Judy Oakes and Brenda Bedford, as well as the British team's fastest 4 x 100 time this season of 43.60.

In defeat, too, there were many notable achievements: John Robson cut his mile best to 3:58.8 (his pre-1977 fastest was 4:08.0), 19-year-old Nat Muir clocked 8:01.4 for 3000, Allan Williams vaulted his highest yet of 5.25, Mike Winch came up with his longest outdoor put this year of 19.27, Frances McCall broke the minute for the first time in the 400 hurdles where Liz Sutherland's third place time of 57.72 would have constituted a UK record but for her own run in Edinburgh, and Fatima Whitbread opened her senior international career with a national intermediate javelin record of 48.34.

The British showing in the field events was particularly pleasing. Even though the team management was unable to find a substitute for the injured Mike Butterfield in the high jump, the West Germans were outscored 48-39 in the men's match, while the visitors' advantage in the women's match was only 28-27. On the track, there were only three German winners out of 22 events. Understandably, the German men's team did not include any World Cup squad members (or the reserves for Dusseldorf), but there was no obvious reason why the women's side should have been lacking so many of the top names. Although the match made good viewing, with the sell-out crowd of over 18,000 on the second day going home very happy, the lessons of this past week must be learnt. If these dual internationals are not to lose all credibility there must be some insistence on the strongest possible teams being fielded, and never again must two matches be arranged so close together. The fact that the two venues were 400 miles apart only exacerbated the

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problems, and both athletes and officials were stretched beyond the normal call of duty. The inability to find more than one high jumper on the day was one consequence; another occurred in the 3000 where Jim Espir (18) did not receive word that he had been selected until he was halfway through a 15 mile training run in Derbyshire at 11.10 am on Sunday . . . with his race due at 4.40 pm! Thanks to some fast driving down the M1 by his father, Jim arrived at the stadium at 3 pm, and in all the circumstances he performed admirably to clock 8:16.5, his best being 8:07.0 in Donetsk the previous weekend. The irony of it is that it was all so unnecessary, for Bernie Ford would have been delighted to run the 3000 and was in the stadium to watch his wife's great race—but, possibly because he had turned down an invitation for the USSR match, no one asked him if he would care to run.

Because of severe space limitations this issue, I can report in detail on only a few of the performances; no disrespect intended to the others.

The rise and rise of Brian Hooper continues. He vaulted over 3m for the first time in 1968, 4m in 1970 and 5m in 1972; he reached 5.20 (17ft 0¾in) in 1974 and topped 5.30 last year. Now, aged 24, he has **officially** cleared 5.40—thus making largely irrelevant now the confusion over what height he vaulted at Gateshead—and is confident that 5.50 (18ft 0½in) is not far away. In view of the problems he has had to overcome this year (a broken ankle last winter which wiped out the indoor season and bad hamstrings all season), he is hoping for around 5.60 (18ft 4½in) next year. Only 5ft 9in tall, Brian insists that his height is no problem "because technically I'm good. My technique is really grooved; I know exactly what I've got to do to get 5.50". As Hooper improved so too does Allan Williams; indeed the gap is closing. At the start of the year Hooper's best was 5.32 and Williams' 5.06; now their maks are 5.40 and 5.25, with Allan tying with Mike Bull for second place on the UK all-time list.

The other British record came in the women's 3000, where Ann Ford knocked 2.7 sec off Joyce Smith's 1974 figures—the mark that had so narrowly eluded her in Helsinki. Quite inconspicuously, Ann has enjoyed a marvellous track season and it's only fair that she should at last receive the plaudits of the public and the media. Ann's schedule was for laps of 71 and she was very close to her aim with laps of 69.0, 72.5, 71.6, 71.1, 71.3, 71.8, 71.1 and a final 200 of 34.4. Kilometre splits were 2:57.9, 2:57.6 and 2:57.3! The final time, a Commonwealth record too (beating Thelma Wright's 8:55.0), ranks Ann 4th in the world this year. And to complete a memorable occasion for the family, Ann's twin


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To: R. Stevenson, 8 Gage Close, Maidenhead, Tel: 24528 by 19th September.

sister Paula Fudge finished second in her personal best of 9:16.0

Hero of the men's track events was Sebastian Coe, who had on the Saturday clocked 48.9 for his first serious 400 race. He ran a classic 800 from the front on Sunday, accelerating away from the opposition (which included Reiner Burmester, 1:46.7 this year) in the final straight after leading all the way with lap times of 54.1 and 53.7. It was after this race that Sebastian was asked if he would care to run in next day's Emsley Carr Mile, a race in which last year at the age of 19 he had made a deep impression by setting the pace for three laps and finishing 7th in 3:58.4. Coe bided his time on this occasion as Kipsubai Koskei led past the quarter in 58.3 and the half in 2:00.1. Filbert Bayi, who had won a 3:37.4 1500 in Italy the previous day and had arrived in London only that afternoon, took charge soon afterwards but there was no upsurge in pace. The third quarter took 61.4, Bayi leading at the bell in 3:01.5 with Coe second a stride behind. Coming off the final bend Coe attacked and drew level with the Tanzanian, and the two of them fought an impassioned duel along the finishing straight, with Coe edging ahead in the final 30m to win by a metre or so in a personal best of 3:57.7. Time for Coe's last quarter was 56.0 or a shade inside, 27.0 for the final 200. "Tactically I was very happy with the race," he said, adding that he enjoyed the race tremendously—as did the capacity crowd on a warm, sunny afternoon. In view of the light training undertaken this year by Coe as a consequence of his achilles tendon injury earlier on this was a stupendous run on his part and augurs well for his long-term future. Bayi, beaten in this race last year by another Loughborough star Dave Moorcroft (who has just left for a long stay in New Zealand), may clash at last with John Walker in a 'dream mile' scheduled for Vancouver on September 17th. He missed the African team trials for the World Cup as he was suffering from malaria at the time.

An era came to an end with the defeat of David Jenkins by Glen Cohen in the 400. That, incredibly, was the first loss to another British athlete at this distance since Jon English beat him in the Schools International . . . of 1968. Jenkins led narrowly into the straight and finished in a none too bad 46.02 but Cohen pressed him into submission, winning in a personal best of 45.89 which ranks him 4th on the UK all-time list behind the big three: Jenkins, Robbie Brightwell and Adrian Metcalfe. Later in the week Cohen left to take up a scholarship (business studies) at Boston University, where his coach will be David Hemery. He will be at Boston for at least one year, possibly four, and expects the move to benefit both his athletics and his career prospects.

(a) August 28th (b) August 29th

**100:** (a) 1, AINSLEY BENNETT 10.47; 2, ALLAN WELLS 10.62; 3, U. Haupt 10.70; 4, W. Zaske 10.72. **200:** (b)(—2.1m) 1, BENNETT 21.45; 2, WELLS 21.77; 3, C. Trappe 22.22; 4, H. Schumann 22.38. **400:** (a) 1, GLEN COHEN

45.89; 2, DAVID JENKINS 46.02; 3, W. Schmall 47.67; 4, H. Weber 47.80. **800:** (a) 1, SEBASTIAN COE 1:47.8; 2, R. Burmester 1:48.7; 3, B. Topfer 1:47.7; 4, DAVE WARREN 1:50.7. **Emsley Carr Mile** (incl. match event): (b) 1, COE 3:57.7; 2, F. Bayi (Tan) 3:57.9; 3, M. Lederer (WG) 3:58.3; 4, JOHN ROBSON 3:58.8; 5, K. Koskei (Ken) 4:00.0; 6, P. Belger (WG) 4:01.2; 7, N. Serem (Ken) 4:02.8; Warren dnf. **3000:** (a) 1, H. Hudak 7:57.4; 2, NAT MUIR 8:01.4; 3, W-D Poschmann 8:02.9; 4, JIM ESPIR 8:16.5. **5000:** (b) 1, JULIAN GOATER 13:32.1 (8:05.0 at 3000); 2, C. Herle 13:54.2; 3, DAVE BLACK 13:57.3; 4, F. Zimmermann 13:58.0. **3000SC:** (b) 1, DENNIS COATES 8:28.2; 2, E. Weyel 8:32.2; 3, PETER GRIFFITHS 8:34.0; 4, Poschmann 8:51.1. **110H:** (b) 1, BERWYN PRICE 14.09; 2, MARK HOLTOM 14.24; 3, H-W Schmidtt 14.73; 4, K. Donges 15.11. **400H:** (a) 1, ALAN PASCOE 50.09; 2, U. Zunker 51.80; 3, PETER KELLY 51.80; 4, W. Richter 52.98. **4 x 100:** (a) 1, WG (Haupt, Schumann, Heer, Zaske) 40.16; 2, UK (WELLS, TIM BONSOR, BENNETT, DAVE ROBERTS) 40.28. **4 x 400:** (b) 1, UK 3:07.5 (PETER HOFFMANN 47.98, JENKINS 46.10, COHEN 46.05, DANNY LAING 47.33); 2, WG (Schmal, Topfer, Wilking, Niederquell) 3:10.4.

**HJ:** (a) 1, A. Schneider 2.14; 2, P. Frommeyer 2.11; 3, ALAN DAINTON 2.08. No 4th. **PV:** (b) 1, BRIAN HOOPER 5.40 **(UK national rec);** 2, H. Gedrat 5.30; 3, ALLAN WILLIAMS 5.25; 4, D. Wesp 5.00. **LJ:** (a) 1, ROY MITCHELL 7.78; 2, H-J Berger 7.70; 3, J. Busse 7.55; 4, ASTON MOORE 7.54w. **TJ:** (a) 1, KEITH CONNOR 16.07; 2, DAVE JOHNSON 15.73; 3, D. Eckert 15.13; 4, K. Kubler 14.37. **SP:** (b) 1, GEOFF CAPES 20.49; 2, MIKE WINCH 19.27; 3, J. Forst 18.68; 4, A. Wagner 16.42. **DT:** (b) 1, Wagner 61.78; 2, PETER TANCRED 56.34; 3, RICHARD SLANEY 54.98; 4, Forst 52.32. **HT:** (b) 1, CHRIS BLACK 72.08; 2, M. Huning 71.32; 3, R. Klein 67.64; 4, JIM WHITEHEAD 65.66. **JT:** (a) 1, DAVE OTTLEY 80.50; 2, H. Schreider 73.22; 3, F. Loser 72.08; 4, CHARLES CLOVER 70.22. **Match Result:** UK 125, WG 86.

**Invitation 100:** (b), 1. D. Laing 10.79; 2, L. Hoyte 10.89; 3, D. Thompson 10.90; 4, R. Mitchell 10.93; 5, K. Connor 11.09; 6, A. Moore 11.13. **800:** (b) 1, S. Ovett 1:48.3 (54.7, 53.6); 2, P. Browne 1:48.7; 3, C. Szwed 1:49.2. **400H:** (b) 1, G. Oakes 51.39; 2, D. West 51.59; 3, M. Whittingham 52.51; 4, S. James 52.51; 5, S. Hinchliffe 52.92; 6, J. Key 55.61.

**Women**

**100:** (a) (+1.6m) 1, ANDREA LYNCH 11.40; 2, SHARON COLYEAR 11.46; 3, G. Grassle 11.85; 4, U. Sommer 12.05. **200:** (b) (— 1.4m) 1, LYNCH 23.71; 2, KATHY SMALLWOOD 23.81; 3, B. Vocking 24.43; 4, Grassle 24.84. **400:** (a) 1, VERONA ELDER 52.63; 2, GLADYS McCORMACK 53.86; 3, E. Rauhut 54.37; 4. E, Decker 54.92. **800:** (b) 1, JANE COLEBROOK 2:02.8 (62.1, 60.7); 2, JO WHITE 2:03.2; 3, B. Koczelnik 2:05.4; 4, B. Kraus 2:06.6. **1500:** (a) 1, MARY STEWART 4:10.6; (62.1 last lap) 2, Kraus 4:13.8, 3, PENNY YULE 4:14.2; 4, M. Greschner 4:20.8. **3000:** (a) 1, ANN FORD 8:52.8 **(UK all-comers, Commonwealth & UK national rec);** 2, PAULA FUDGE 9:16.0; 3, C. Teske 9:20.4; 4, A. Kullmann 9:29.7. **100H:** (b) (—1.3m) 1, LORNA BOOTHE 13.79; 2, S. Kempin 13.81; 3, BLONDELLE CAINES 13.88; 4, L. Leidel 14.64. **400H:** (a) 1, E. Weinstein 56.93 (WG rec); 2, M. Gutewort 57.56; 3, LIZ SUTHERLAND 57.72; 4, FRANCES McCALL 59.42. **4 x 100:** (a) 1, UK (WENDY CLARK, SONIA LANNAMAN, COLYEAR, LYNCH) 43.60; 2, WG (Sommer, Bussmann, Eichler, Vocking) 45.42. **4 x 400:** (b) 1, UK 3:31.4 (SUTHERLAND 54.17, RUTH KENNEDY

**A Commonwealth and UK 3000m record of 8:52.8 for Ann Ford.**

Mike Street

FIRST ANNUAL

**EGREMONT RANGERS ROAD RACE**

(Under AAA Laws)

**SATURDAY, 17th SEPT. 1.45 pm Start**

**Start & Finish Egremont Amateur Rugby League Club, Main St, Egremont, Nr Whitehaven, Cumbria**

**Prizes:** First 6 Ind, 1st Vet (please state if Vet), 1st Team (4 score).

**Entries:** 35p Ind., no team fee, to Miss Rita McCumiskey, 3 High St, Whitehaven, Cumbria. SAE for replies. **Entries close 13th September.**

Bar open after race. Entertainment in Club in evening & all day for family. Famous World Gurning Champs. On Bleach Green in evening.

# HOOPER: 5.50 IN SIGHT—Brian Hooper talks

BRIAN HOOPER had plenty to say to the press immediately after his UK record vault of 5.40m at Crystal Palace on August 29th. He made no secret of the fact that he felt his effort was the performance of the meeting, and that, given the poles and facilities, British pole vaulters can do as well as anyone:—

"That was a good crowd out there today. I felt I could make 5.50 in front of them and with everything going along really well. It's nice to think what I could have done; but I think I can do it still before the end of the year. I can do it here on the 9th or at Gateshead on the 12th. On my first two jumps at 5.50 I was too hasty; I was going too early for the bar and dropping my hips. Then on my third try and on the two I took after the competition I was really close because I was coming back nicely away from the bar. But then I was tired and I didn't have the forward speed I needed. So what happened each time was that I would go up to the bar okay but was running out of momentum and not going past it once I was coming off the top of the pole. That's really the only thing that stopped me clearing 5.50 today: I was tired.

"But I need some new poles. That one I used today is the stiffest yet, and it's still just not enough to get me over 5.50 and higher when it's going well and I'm psyched. All of us British vaulters are hampered by this crazy situation of just not having enough poles. All I have are two competition poles, for instance—just two poles that I can compete successfully with. In fact, I had to take my handgrip **down** early this year, because I'd get psyched in a 'comp', hold high and find I was just mushing out on jumps because the pole I was using was too soft to take that high a grip. I needed stiffer poles and I just wasn't getting them fast enough.

**"We just didn't win simply because we haven't got the right poles".**

"We could have won so many meetings we just didn't win simply because we haven't got the right poles. We have to get them from the USA and that costs money and time. Like, in the Russia match at Meadowbank, we could have had first and second there, but we didn't because of inferior equipment. It's as simple as that. We're just as good physically as any of the other Americans and Europeans. We all need, ideally at least, half a dozen poles each to compete with. You need that number to move through when things are going well in a competition: start with a soft pole, get a warm-up jump in, switch to a stiffer one when the meet starts and keep going up to stiffer poles as the bar goes higher and your handgrip goes up. That 185 I used today was one I borrowed off Jeff Gutteridge. It's crazy! I sent off for some poles before the Europa Cup and British Airways had them and lost them in transit somewhere. So I went out and spent three days trying to locate them without any success. Then I get a telegram saying they've found them and could I collect them, please? I got out there and the things were smashed into a million pieces! The guy said: "Come along and have a look at them and tell me if they're worth using or not." I just looked back at him to see if he was joking. I was speechless.

"Then I 'phoned the USA again and got on to George Moore of Pacer American to send me a couple more poles urgently. He's shipped a pole each to Allan (Williams) and me and we're waiting to collect them now. This time I'm getting a 5 metre/190 and Allan's getting a stiffer 185 than the one he's using. We've found out so much about poles this year, it isn't true. Things we just never dreamed about. You wouldn't believe how hit and miss we British vaulters have been about firbre glass poles, just because we don't have anyone technically knowledgeable enough here.

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52.47, McCORMACK 52.98, ELDER 51.79); 2, WG (Rauhut, Bussmann, Wallburg, Weinstein) 3:35.4.

**HJ:** (b) 1, B. Holzapfel 1.88; 2, G. Hahn 1.82; 3, KATHY WARREN 1.76; 4, BRENDA GIBBS 1.70 (retired injured). **LJ:** (b) 1, SUE REEVE 6.55; 2. C. Lemkamp 6.27; 3, COLYEAR 6.23; 4, A. Beiersdorf 6.21. **SP:** (a) 1, JUDY OAKES 16.01 (& 15.97); 2, BRENDA BEDFORD 16.01 (& 15.62); 3, J. Weide 15.15; 4, D. Gutewort 11.59. **DT:** (a) 1, I. Manecke 57.12; 2, JANET THOMPSON 53.28; 3, MEG RITCHIE 52.58; 4, D. Gutewort 50.12. **JT:** (b) 1, E. Helmschmidt 56.52; 2, SANDRA O'TOOLE 49.70; 3, H. Repser 48.36; 4, FATIMA WHITBREAD 48.34 **(UK Intermediate rec). Match Result:** UK 94, WG 63.

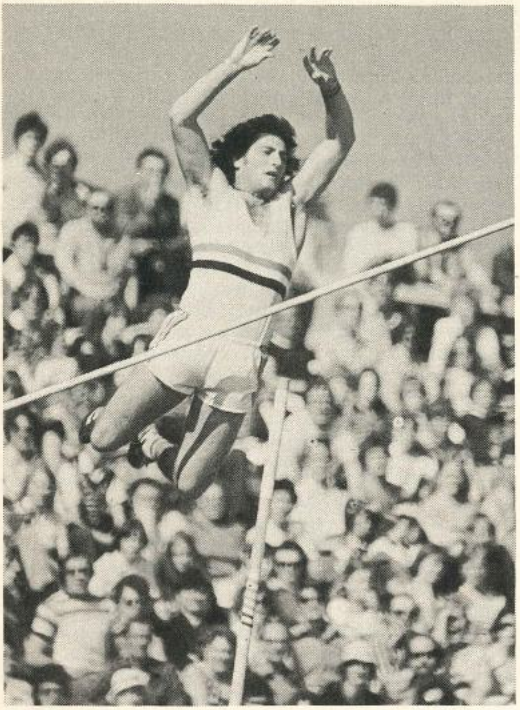
**Invitation 100H:** (b) (—1.0m) 1, S. Strong 14.06; 2, S. Longden 14.24; 3, Y. Wray 14.45; 4, T. Chipp 14.54; 5, F. Macaulay 14.55; 6, T. Sanderson 14.63; 7, J. Long 14.78; 8, S. Drysdale 14.83.

WORCESTER ATHLETIC CLUB
**WORCESTERSHIRE BEACON RACE**
(Under A.A.A. Laws)
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 1977 at 3 p.m.**

6¾ miles wood and country over the Malvern Hills.

**Prizes:** First 10 Individuals, first 3 Teams (4 run, 3 score), first Malvern resident, first non-recognised runner, first Vet O/40, first Vet O/50.

**Entries:** Individual 30p, Team 50p, all must enter as Individuals to N. Jinks, 387 Bath Road, Worcester WR5 3BE, **by October 3rd.**



Mike Street

**"Out of over 20 competitions this year, I think I've only had the correct pole twice."**

Now we've learned something about flex numbers and pole stiffnesses we know **exactly** what sort of pole to specify for any one of us when we order them. That's very important. There can be a big difference between two poles of, say, 16 foot/185 specification because the flex numbers you quote govern the degree of stiffness within that bodyweight. I've gone through four poles this year, and that will be five before the end of the summer. You just get better, and you have to have bigger poles to move onto, or you're lost.

"This guy George Moore does a tremendous job for us. He provides the poles free of charge from his company in California, and the BAAB just has to pay the freight charges. That saves them £80 a pole, but they take time to get over to us. Sometimes they hang around forever in air cargo terminals and sometimes they just get lost and smashed. Usually I just take a chance and order the poles and then charge them up to the BAAB.

"I had to take my handgrip down again today, because when I raised it I was coming off the pole sideways and that's a sign that the pole is too soft. If I'd had that 185 in the Europa Cup, I'd


LONDON FIRE BRIGADE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION & SOUTHERN COUNTIES A.A.A.

# ATHLETIC MEETING

(Under A.A.A., W.A.A.A. & R.W.A. Laws)

## CRYSTAL PALACE N.S.C., LONDON S.E.19
## WEDNESDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER, 1977

**Commencing 6.30 p.m.**

**INVITATION EVENTS**
**Men's**—1000m, 3000m Team and Individual, High Jump, Pole Vault, 4 x 100m, 4 x 400m.
**Ladies**—100m, 800m, High Jump.

**LONDON BUSINESS A.S.A.**
1600m and 3200 Relays.

**FIRE BRIGADE EVENTS**
200m, 400m, 3000m, 1600m Relay and Special Relay.

**OPEN EVENTS**
3000m Walk, 1500m Junior (Over 17 yrs, under 19 yrs on 1st Sept., 1977).

**Entry** FREE. **Entries close 14th September, 1977.**

**ENTRIES TO:** L. Brotherhood, London Fire Brigade Headquarters, Albert Embankment, London S.E.1 7SD.
**Admission:** Covered 50p, Uncovered 25p. Tickets available from the above address.

have got second place; I'm sure of it. Out of over 20 competitions this year, I think I've only had the correct pole twice! I knew I'd do 5.40 today, that was no trouble. I can do that anytime now. I wanted 5.50.

My jump today was the best performance of the meeting, but I suppose you guys will write about the mile—as usual! That's got to stop. That was a damn good pole vault competition today. No British vaulter has ever cleared 5.25 and lost to another Briton before but I bet all we hear about is Coe running 3:57.7. That's not such a great time these days, is it? Unfortunately, everyone, the press and the public here, are indoctrinated into thinking running, running, running all the time. The field events don't exist. I mean, I was down there attempting 18 feet and the guy on the public address was giving them every lap time in the 5000 metres. Those runners weren't going anywhere. They were just running around the track! And in the mile, that guy (Bayi) ran a fast one yesterday, didn't he? It was obvious he wasn't going to do anything great today. Last year Dave Moorcroft did the same thing to him and they gave the guy £1,000 from Kraft for running a 3:57.1 mile! Well, what do I get for an 18ft pole vault? The 'Daily Mail' run an athlete-of-the-month award, don't they? What do I have to do to get nominated for one of those? Run 1500 metres with a pole under my armpit?

"Yeah, I'm world class now. I beat all those guys in Gateshead, and I feel I can take anyone on, provided the conditions are right. I reckon I beat Jessee in Gateshead. He shouldn't have been allowed three jumps at 5.40. You can't do what he did—accept a height (5.35) and then change your mind about it and turn it into a pass after making three runs down the runway. No way. He should have been given a miss and then only allowed two jumps at 5.40. As it happened, he cleared 5.40 on his third. I wasn't even there when they remeasured my 5.40 jump and gave me a 5.37. That annoyed me. But I knew I had 5.40 in me. No problem there. I want 5.50, though, and that's what I aim to do. Allan and I are out to prove that we can do it here, in Britain. We can become world class vaulters by training here. We don't need to go abroad; we can do it here our own way. Just give us the poles and we'll do the job."

**(Taped and transcribed by Dave Cocksedge)**

**An article on Larry Jessee, by Dave Cocksedge, is featured on Page 32.*

**WELSH LEAGUE**
**(Division One)**
**At Cwmbran, July 30th**

**Newport 7; Carmarthen 6; Aberdare 5; Bridgend YMCA 4; Swansea 'B' 3; Cleddau 2; Cwmbran 1.**

200: 1, D. Morgan (Aber-J) 22.1; 2, T. O'Brien (New-Y) 23.1. 400: Morgan 49.4. 400H: 1, C. Davies (New) 56.2; 2, N. Hammersley (Cled) 56.5. LJ: C. Starr (Aber) 6.76.

NORTHERN COUNTIES A.A.

**ROAD RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(Under AAA Laws)

**SATURDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 1977**

**THORNES PARK, WAKEFIELD**

**6 x 4 Miles Championship at 2.30 p.m.**

Competitors must be at least 17 yrs of age on 1st October and possess the Area Qualification.
**One team only per club, fee £3.**

**1st Annual Youths 4 x 2 Miles Championship at 1.30 p.m.**

Competitors must be 16/17 yrs of age on 31st August, 1977 and possess Area qualification.

**One team only per club, fee £1.**

Championship Awards for first 3 teams in both events.

**Entries** to Northern Counties A.A., Studio 44, Bluecoat Chambers, School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BX.

**CLOSING DATE WED., 14th SEPTEMBER**

**BIRCHFIELD HARRIERS'**

**CENTENARY DINNER**

will be held on

**SATURDAY, 15th OCTOBER, 1977**

**GRAND HOTEL, COLMORE ROW, BIRMINGHAM**

All members old and new welcome
Details (s.a.e. please) from:

A. A. Stockford,
32 Derrydown Road,
Perry Barr,
Birmingham B42 1RS.

# SECOND WIN FOR KENYON–The Lancashire Flash

HUGE crowds packed the town centre of Barnsley to watch the fourth Barnsley '6' on August 7th and were rewarded with the astonishing spectacle of 551 runners pounding through the narrow streets. The race was won for the second year in succession by Steve Kenyon, 'The Lancashire Flash'. Steve has run in all four of the races which have been held so far and his record is third, second, first and first.

With such a massive field it was essential for the 'star' runners to get a good position on the line and there was a considerable amount of jockeying for places before the race began! Kenyon got away to a very fast start, and for two miles was hotly pursued by a group which included Trevor Wright, Graham Ellis, Alwyn Dewhirst, Dave Cannon, Keith Darlow and Phil Romaine. At the foot of the now notorious climb up Old Mill, Kenyon put in a tremendous effort and managed to break away from the leading group. He was 20y clear at the top and increased his lead steadily throughout the race to win by 200y. The huge crowd assembled at the finish gave him a wonderful reception.

After the race Kenyon said: "I kept telling myself to keep with the leading bunch no matter how much it hurt, until the bottom of Old Mill. I did. There were about seven of us in a bunch as we turned the corner so I put everything into climbing that great hill in an effort to break away. When I reached the top I had broken clear and I knew the race was in the bag. I love running in Barnsley, the crowds are great".

The Ladies '6' was won by Yorkshire Cross-Country champion Carol Gould who was simply too powerful for her rivals, winning by almost a minute, and smashing the race record in the process. It is interesting to note that she would have beaten most of the men in the Barnsley '6'! Carol finished second in the 1975 race and it was clear from the start that she was determined to go one better this year. She was in the lead within twenty yards and despite a very game challenge from Suzan Hassan and Sue Dean, Carol never looked like being beaten. She looked as fresh as a daisy at the finish and said: "I was leading for quite a time in the 1975 race and was very disappointed when someone passed me. I didn't intend to let it happen again".

The two boys' races each attracted fields in excess of 100 and were greatly enjoyed by the spectators. A note in the race programme observed that the crowds were the real stars of the Barnsley '6' and there is no doubt that the enthusiasm of the spectators plays a large part in the success of the race.

Barnsley Road Runners' Club are to be congratulated for the success they make of the mammoth task of organising the race, though they would be the first to admit they are very fortunate to have the enthusiastic support of the Barnsley Metropolitan Council, the South Yorkshire Council and the Barnsley Chronicle newspaper.

1, S. Kenyon (Bolton United) ..... 30:53
2, T. Wright (Wolverhampton & Bilston) 31:17
3, A. Dewhirst (Airedale & Spen V) ..... 31:23
4, P. Romaine (Holb) 31:30; 5, R. Wilde (Man) 31:55; 6, D. Cannon (Gates) 32:01; 7, G. Ellis (Holm) 32:15; 8, D. Lem (Leic) 32:17; 9, J. Temperton (A&SV) 32:23; 10, K. Darlow (Bolt) 32:26; 11, J. King (S Heath) 32:35; 12, J. Fox (A&SV) 32:40; 13, A. Ulrick (Holm) 32:41; 14, D. Brennan (Warr) 32:43; 15, D. Pratt (Sheff) 32:44; 16, J. Offord (Leic) 32:51; 17, A. Spence (Bing) 32:58; 18, J. Boulter (Sheff) 33:02; 19, J. Calvert (B'burn) 33:07; 20, R. Hill (Clay) 33:09; 21, J. Waterhouse (Bing) 33:17; 22, M. Watmough (Linc W) 33:35; 23, J. Barker (Grim) 33:45; 24, P. Bradley (Leeds) 33:54; 25, E. Ranicar (Bolt) 33:55; 26, G. Greaves (Roth) 34:00; 27, A. Bigg (Hallam) 34:01; 28, D. Lindsay (Wirr) 34:02; 29, J. Craven (Rown) 34:03; 30, R. Aconley (Wake) 34:05; 31, I. Wainwright (Dark Pk) 34:08; 32, E. Sykes (Holm) 34:11; 33, D. Wilson (Clay) 34:14; 34, D. Tickett (Hallam) 34:21; 35, A. Robertson (Sutt) 34:23; 36, K. Mayor (Bolt) 34:25; 37, J. Hirst (Holm) 34:30; 38, R. Waters (Stret) 34:31; 39, A. Bland (Grim) 34:32; 40, T. Ramsden (Holm) 34:34; 41, K. Binks (Stret) 34:41; 42, P. Stevens (Leeds) 34:45; 43, H. Pymm (Leic) 34:46; 44, F. Drozda (Pless) 34:47; 45, R. Heathcote (Sheff) 34:49; 46, M. McGann (E Ches) 34:52; 47, M. Hague (Roth) 34:56; 48, A. Hawkins (Sutt) 34:58; 49, T. Pugh (Hallam) 34:59; 50, T. Lonergan (Bing) 35:02. 473 finished.

**Boys**

1, A. Green (Warr) 16:05; 2, P. Hicken (Warr) 16:12; 3, D. Topham (Long) 16:16; 4, P. Elliott (Roth) 16:23; 5, J. Duckett (Clay) 16:56; 6, A. Kindley (Ver) 16:57; 7, S. Skelding (Warr) 17:06; 8, N. Rimmer (Warr) 17:09; 9, L. Davies (Roth) 17:21; 10, P. Tootell (Stret) 17:22; 11, M. Crewe (Bing) 17:32; 12, S. Newman (Bing) 17:36; 13, K. Marriott (Stret) 17:49; 14, A. Venn (Bing) 17:56; 15, R. Marker (Roy) 17:58. **(Colts):** 1, D. Holdsworth (Leeds) 17:30; 2, P. Bailey (Stret) 17:54; 3, S. Hardcastle (Leeds) 18:04; 4, J. Green (Bing) 18:22; 5, D. Motley (Dby) 18:25; 6, A. Kennedy (Bing) 18:36; 7, G. Rennison (Barn) 18:46; 8, J. Paterson (Cocker) 18:47; 9, D. Powell (W&B) 18:52; 10, M. Lee (Bolt) 19:08. **(Senior Women):** 1, C. Gould (Barn) 37:55; 2, S. Hassan (B'field) 38:47; 3, S. Dean (Long) 40:35; 4, A. Creamer (Roth) 41:17; 5, S. Turner (Long) 43:34; 6, R. Wright (W&B) 44:43; 7, C. Chapman (Bolt) 44:45; 8, G. Pile (Sale) 45:41; 9, A. Pendlebury (Bolt) 45:42; 10, S. Taylor (Sutt) 46:32.

# Still Champions Among Champions

TWO former Olympic champions, Gaston Roelants and Al Oerter—both aged 40—were the outstanding winners at the 2nd World Masters Championships, held in Gothenburg from August 8th to 13th. The Belgian, Olympic steeplechase champion in 1964, collected gold medals in the 5000 (14:03.0), steeplechase (8:56.6) and cross-country to add to the two gained earlier—at Bruges on July 30th/31st—in the 10km and 25km road races. To the relief of the other competitors, he did not go for the 10,000 and marathon! As for the American discus ace, the only athlete in Olympic history to win four times running (1956-60-64-68), he triumphed with a throw of 60.36m—a distance achieved by no British thrower, of any age, this season. Oerter, as so often before in a championship, easily defeated an opponent with a superior best mark to his credit—on this occasion none other than his successor as Olympic titlist, Ludvik Danek. Switzerland's Urs von Wartburg set a world veterans javelin record of 78.66m for another outstanding performance.

The Australians excelled in the track events; not Albie Thomas and Dave Power this time, but Reg Austin (winner of the sprints in 10.8/21.9), 1966 Commonwealth 880y champion Noel Clough (400—49.5, 400H—54.3) and 1960 Olympic 800 semi-finalist Tony Blue (800—1:54.8).

Among the British winners were Charlie Williams (a former 10.3 100m performer who represented Trinidad in the 1958 Commonwealth Games), who ran 11.2 and 22.9 at the age of 46; Roy Fowler (10,000) and Eric Austin (marathon).

The Championships attracted 2,600 competitors (as against 1,400 in the inaugural affair in Toronto two years ago) drawn from 46 countries, including over 200 from Britain alone. Age groups: (men) 1A, 40-44; 1B, 45-49; 2A, 50-54; 2B, 55-59; 3A, 60-64; 3B, 65-69; 4A, 70-74; 4B, 75-79; 5, 80 and over; (women) 1A, 35-39; 1B, 40-44; 2A, 45-49; 2B, 50-54; 3A, 55-59; 3B, 60-64; 4A, 65-69; 4B, 70 and over.

**100:** (1A) 1, R. Austin (Aus) 10.8; 2, E. Burg (WG) 11.1; 3, W. Crutchfield (US) 11.1. (1B) 1, C. WILLIAMS (Eng) 11.2; 2, R. McPherson (Guy) 11.5; 3, P. Mirkes (WG) 11.5. (2A) 1, J. Greenwood (US) 11.7; 2, R. Stolpe (US) 11.7 . . .5, M. GRAY (Eng) 12.1. (2B) 1, B. Hogan (US) 11.9; 2, K. Hoppstadter (WG) 12.3; 3, S. STEIN (Eng) 12.3. (3A) F. Assmy (WG) 12.5 . . .8, C. FAIREY (Eng) 14.0. (3B) O. Granas (Nor) 13.4. (4A) J. Packard (US) 13.9. . .7, T. HINES (Eng) 16.0. (4B) H. Anderson (US) 14.8. . .3, N. MARTIN (Eng) 15.6. (5) D. MACLEAN (Sco) 21.7.

**200:** (1A) 1, Austin 21.9; 2, J. Rabie (US) 22.9; 3, R. Diaz Velaz (P. Rico) 23.0. . .6, F. SMITH (Eng) 23.5. (1B) 1, WILLIAMS 22.9; 2, McPherson 23.5; 3, A. Faure (Ven) 23.8. (2A) Greenwood 23.7. . .8, GRAY 25.1. (2B) 1, Hogan 24.6; 2, Hoppstadter 25.2; 3, STEIN 25.4. (3A) Assmy 26.0. (3B) Granas 28.7. (4A) Packard 29.2. . . 5, HINES 34.4; 7, F. WEDGBURY (Eng) 36.0; 9, J. BARRS (Eng) 36.2. (4B) Anderson 31.7. (5) S. Falck (Swe) 41.2.

**400:** (1A) 1, N. Clough (Aus) 49.5; 2, G. LEROY (Eng) 50.5; 3, A. Blue (Aus) 50.5. . .5, V. MORGAN (Eng) 51.6. (1B) 1, J. Hasselberg (Nor) 52.1; 2, I. Snelling (Aus) 53.0; 3, Hari Chandra (Sing) 53.8. . .6, K. WHITAKER (Eng) 54.6. (2A) Greenwood 52.9. . .7, E. GALLAGHER (Eng) 57.4. (2B) 1, R. Morcom (US) 57.3; 2, A. HUGGINS (Eng) 58.6. (3A) W. Muller (WG) 61.5. (3B) 1, C. Kline (US) 67.0; 2, M. Jenkinson (Aus) 68.8; 3, L. ROLLS (Eng) 68.8. . .7, E. SEARS (Eng) 81.3. (4A) Packard 64.6. . .7, R. WHITE (Eng) 94.9. (4B) Anderson 69.9.

**800:** (1A) 1, Blue 1:54.8; 2, Clough 1:55.6; 3, K. Mainka (WG) 1:55.6. . .5, N. FISHER (Eng) 1:57.0; 11, E. HAMER (Eng) 2:02.9; 13, B. PARKES (Eng) 2:03.6. (1B) 1, Hasselberg 1:57.9; 2, P. Majoor (Neth) 1:59.3; 3, E. Whitlock (Can) 1:59.9; 4, A. HUGHES (Eng) 2:02.4. (2A) D. Smith (US) 2:05.7. . .4, J. MATTOCK (Eng) 2:09.8; 6, H. TEMPAN (Eng) 2:11.9. (2B) J. Gilmour (Aus) 2:14.5. . .9, E. OBREE (Eng) 2:17.5. (3A) R. Isman (Tur) 2:23.1. . .6, D. MORRISON (Sco) 2:34.5. (3B) 1, B. Andberg (US) 2:28.0; 2, Jenkinson 2:33.0; 3, ROLLS 2:35.0. . .10, SEARS 3:10.2. (4A) K. Kiuchei (Jap) 2:50.0. . .6, WHITE 3:30.8. (4B) H. Chapson (US) 2:41.4.

**1500:** (1A) 1, C. Huyssen (Bel) 3:56.7; 2, Blue 3:57.3; 3, FISHER 3:57.5; 4, A. Thomas (Aus) 3:58.8. . .7, PARKES 4:02.0; 9, R. ALLEN (Sco) 4:03.1. (1B) 1, Majoor 4:05.6; 2, Whitlock 4:06.1; 3, HUGHES 4:09.3. . .13, J. HAYWARD (Eng) 4:21.3. (2A) 1, D. Turnbull (NZ) 4:23.5; R. Boutard (Fra) 4:23.6; 3, MATTOCK 4:24.8. . .9, TEMPAN 4:31.9; 10, E. JOYNSON (Eng) 4:32.0. (2B) Gilmour 4:28.3 . . .7, OBREE 4:43.2. (3A) Isman 4:54.5. . .4, MORRISON 5:13.4. (3B) Andberg 5:04.8. . .3, ROLLS 5:22.2; 9, SEARS 6:33.9. (4A) Kiuchei 5:34.0. . .4, F. JACKSON (Eng) 5:47.7; 6, WHITE 6:56.8. (4B) Chapson 5:30.1.

**5000:** (1A) 1, G. Roelants (Bel) 14:03.0; 2, R. FOWLER (Eng) 14:29.4; 3, R. GOMEZ (Eng) 14: 41.0; 4, A. Ida (WG) 14:46.0 . . . 7, Thomas 15:10.0; 9, R. CAMPBELL (Eng) 15:15.4; 10, H. CLAYTON (Eng) 15:17.8; 14, R. KERNAGHAN (NI) 15:28.4. (1B) 1, M. Alonso (Spa) 15:15.0; 2, L. O'HARA (Eng) 15:16.8; 3, P. Pystynen (Fin) 15:18.5; 4, W. STODDART (Sco) 15:37.7 . . . 12, D. DELLAR (Eng) 16:16.1. (2A) A. Taylor (Can) 16:02.0. (2B) Gilmour 16:29.0. (3A) E. Samuelsson (Swe) 17:46.8 . . . 3, R. McMINNIS (Eng) 18:11.2. (3B) E. Kruzycki (WG) 18:29.1 . . . 11, S. LEE (Eng) 21:22.8; 15,

J. HARRIS (Eng) 23:51.0. (4A) F. Nordin (Swe) 19:59.3 . . . 7, C. BENDING (Eng) 21:40.4; 10, JACKSON 22:30.0; 11, WHITE 23:19.2. (4B) P. Spangler (US) 21:20.2.

**10,000:** (1A) 1, FOWLER 31:45.7; 2, GOMEZ 31:59.3; 3, D.de Braijn (Neth) 32:05.9 . . . 7, CLAYTON 32:32.5; 12, W. ROBINSON (Eng) 33:06.9; 13, KERNAGHAN 33:30.0. (1B) 1, Alonso 32:08.9; 2, O'HARA 32:10.3; 3, Pystynen 32:36.4; 4, STODDART 32:49.3 . . . 8, J. HEYWOOD (Eng) 33:18.0; 15, DELLAR 34:55.6. (2A) Hinderks (WG) 33:43.2 . . . 12, J. FITZGERALD (Eng) 37:35.8. (2B) E. Ostbye (Swe) 34:13.4 . . . 10, W. Morris (Rol) 38:01.0; 13, L. BROWN (Eng) 38:26.3. (3A) Samuelsson 37:14.0 . . . 3, McMINNIS 38:27.0. (3B) Kruzycki 38:10.5. (4A) Nordin 40:48.5. (4B) Spangler 48:44.5.

**Cross-Country:** (1A) 1, Roelants 28:57; 2, FOWLER 29:16, 3, GOMEZ 30:30 . . . 6, KERNAGHAN 31:00; 7, CLAYTON 31:05; 10, CAMPBELL 31:11; 14, A. SHRIMPTON (Eng) 31:32. (1B) 1, STODDART 31:00; 2, Alonso 31:05; 3, Pystynen 31:19. (2A) G. Lotsberg (Swe) 32:50 . . . 11, G. PHIPPS (Eng) 34:58; 12, JOYNSON 35:09. (2B) F. McGrath (Aus) 34:56 . . . 8, Morris 36:05. (3A) 1, Samuelsson 36:29; 2, McMINNIS 37:10 . . . 13, J. SELBY (Eng) 41:33. (3B) Kruzycki 38:10 . . . 10, LEE 44:23. (4A) E. Hjortling (Swe) 42:55 . . . 8, R. WISEMAN 64:11. (4B) L. Gregory (US) 56:57. (5) F. Schreiber (Swe) 56:17. **Teams:** (1A) 1, England 36; 2, Finland 56; 3, Sweden 109. (3A) 1, Sweden 10; 2, England 48 (T. Smythe 33rd).

**10,000 (road):** (held at Bruges, July 30th) (1A) 1, Roelants 30:37; 2, G. Schmitt (WG) 31:30; 3, Ida 31:51; 4, Staelens (Bel) 32:05; 5, E. AUSTIN (Eng) 32:08. (1B) 1, Monseur (Bel) 33:02; 2, SCOTT (Sco) 33:08; 3, HEYWOOD 33:14. (2A) 1, Hinderks 33:52; 2, CANDWELL (Eng) 35:38; 3, PHILLIPS (Eng) 35:46. (2B) Ostbye 34:21. (3A) 1, Pauls (WG) 38:50; 2, N. ASHCROFT (Eng) 39:28. (3B) N. Bright (US) 41:00. (4A) Kiuchei 43:18. (4B) 1, Gruenewaldt (WG) 50:14; 2, FELLOWS (Eng) 53:50. (5) Schreiber 57:35.

**25km (road):** (held at Bruges, July 31st) (1A) 1, Roelants 1:19:59; 2, C. LEIGH (Eng) 1:20:43; 3, Schmitt 1:21:18; 4, AUSTIN 1:21:34. (1B) van Alphen (Neth) 1:22:44. (2A) 1, Blachard (Fra) 1:30:06; 2, HALL (Eng) 1:31:42. (2B) Ostbye 1:28:48. (3A) McMINNIS 1:38:43. (3B) HARRISON (Eng) 1:49:29. (4A) Kristahn (WG) 2:02:50. (4B) Tempel (WG) 1:58:47.

**Marathon:** (1A) 1, AUSTIN 2:25:57; 2, T. Valash (Fin) 2:30:42; 3, H. Kirschke (WG) 2:31:12. . . 10, W. Dunne (Rol) 2:34:07; 14, KERNAGHAN 2:36:22; 17, CAMPBELL 2:38:31; 20, CLAYTON 2:38:43. (1B) 1, STODDART 2:33:28; 2, L. Strand (Swe) 2:36:42; 3, H. Higdon (US) 2:38:54 . . . 9, A. HUGHES (Eng) 2:44:44; 15, R. BLASTLAND (Eng) 2:50:45. (2A) Hinderks 2:40:11 . . . 6, JOYNSON 2:52:44; 18, PHIPPS 3:02:02. (2B) Ostbye 2:38:38. (3A) McMINNIS 3:00:29. (3B) 1, R. Seydler (WG) 3:18:48; 2, LEE 3:35:00. (4A) R. Sears (US) 3:32:31 . . . 3, C. BENDIG 4:12:36. (4B) Gregory 3:47:20.

**3000SC:** (1A) 1, Roelants 8:56.6; 2, Ida 9:20.6;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## U.K. Coaching Scheme Club Coach Awards 1977

**24/29th OCTOBER, 1977**

**SCOTTISH** applicants are reminded that the closing date for applications for the Club Coach Awards is **30th SEPTEMBER, 1977.**

**Applications and fees** (£1 per event) should be sent to:

R. W. Adams,
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3, D.Worling (Aus) 9:29.2 . . . 6, I. Madden (RoI) 10:24.6; 7, W. ROBINSON (Eng) 10:30.6; 8, R. CURTIS (Eng) 10:37.8; 14, P. FERGUSON (Eng) 11:09.0; 19, C. NEWMAN (Eng) 11:48.0 (1B) 1, Higdon 9:39.0; 2, Alonso 9:46.2; 3, P. Blanchou (Fra) 9:53.0. (2A) Taylor 10:18.6. (2B) A. Merett (Aus) 11:29.8. (3A) H. Melin (Fin) 13:11.8. (3B) R. Boal (US) 12:47.4. (4A) WISEMAN 18:03.0.

**110H:** (1A) 1, H. Mandl (Aut) 15.2; 2, L. Lindhe (Swe) 15.6; 3, G. Ortmanns (WG) 15.7; 4, C. SHAFTO (Eng) 16.2. (1B) 1, D. Jackson (US) 16.1; 2, J. Wallace (US) 17.8; 3, I. STEEDMAN (Sco) 18.0; 4, P. FIELD (Eng) 18.6 (2A) Greenwood 15.1. (2B) T. Patsalis (US) 17.6 . . . 7, W. HARTFREE (Eng) 20.5. (3A) R. Reckwardt (WG) 19.5. (3B) R. Lacey (US) 20.9. (4A) W. McFadden (US) 23.7 . . . 3, HINES 28.8. (4B) Anderson 26.6.

**400H:** (1A) 1, Clough 54.3; 2, D Burger (US) 57.9; 3, V. Wikstrom (Fin) 58.4; 4, SHAFTO 58.4; 5, W. LANE (Eng) 58.8. (1B) 1, Hasselberg 58.3; 2, WHITAKER 60.5; 3, H. Knudsen (Nor) 60.6 . . . 5, FIELD 62.5. (2A) Greenwood 58.2. (2B) L. Lindblom (Swe) 64.7. (3A) H. Strannhage (Swe) 74.3. (3B) Lacey 76.0. (4A) 1, G. Simpson (Aus) 90.8; 2, HINES 127.2. (4B) Anderson 92.5.

**4 x 100:** (1) 1, USA 43.9; 2, ENGLAND (K. SCOTT, LEROY, J. SMITH, WILLIAMS) 44.8; 3, WG 45.9. (2) 1, USA 47.5; 2, WG 47.9; 3, ENGLAND (STEIN, H. SMITH, R. ARCHBOLD, GRAY) 49.5. (3) WG 52.0.

**4 x 400:** (1) 1, ENGLAND (F. SMITH, LANE, MORGAN, LEROY) 3:28.7; 2, USA 3:29.2; 3, Australia 3:33.5. (2) 1, USA 3:39.6; 2, ENGLAND (TEMPAN, ARCHBOLD, MATTOCK, E. GALLAGHER) 3:53.6; 3, Australia 4:06.0. (3) Australia 4:18.5.

**5000 Walk:** (1A) 1, S. Ladany (Isr) 23:15.6; 2, G. Davidsson (Swe) 23:30.5; 3, L. Back (Swe) 23:45.4. (1B) 1, H. Roder (WG) 23:52.9; 2, K. Svensson (Swe) 24:17.5; 3, J. BROMLEY (Eng) 24:47.8; 4, R. PURKIS (Eng) 25:11.8 . . . 7, A. READE (Eng) 25:57. (2A) L. Simu (Swe) 23:57.0 . . . 8, H. JAQUEST (Eng) 26.43.1. (2B) H. Nilsen (Nor) 24:46.1 . . . 3, D. McMULLEN (Eng) 25:42.5; 4, J. TODD (NI) 25:55.1. (3A) 1, A. Svensson (Swe) 25:27.9; 2, A. POOLE (Eng) 26:33.5 . . . 10, F. NICKOLLS (Eng) 29:52.0. (3B) H. Horstman (WG) 28:59.1. (4A) C. Unruh (US) 30:52.0. (4B) A. ROBERTS (Eng) 29:24.4 . . . 4, W. KEELER (Eng) 36:18.0. (5) A. Theobald (Aus) 30:42.0.

**20km Walk:** (1A) 1, Ladany 1:38:07; 2, L. Andersson (Swe) 1:39:39; 3, H. Koch (WG) 1:39:42. (1B) 1, Svensson 1:41:25; 2, Roder 1:41:49; 3, E. Ruina (Ita) 1:45:29; 4, BROMLEY 1:45:41 . . . 11, EADE 1:52:42; 13, PURKIS 2:01:19; 15, A. GOODWIN (Eng) 2:03:42. (2A) Simu 1:47:55 . . . 7, J. SCOTT (NI) 1:54:49; 14, G. EASTWOOD (Eng) 1:59:46. (2B) J. Ljunggren (Swe) 1:44:50 . . . 6, McMULLEN 1:53:01; 9, TODD 1:56:21. (3A) M. Gould (Can) 1:47:37 . . . 9, NICKOLLS 2:05:10. (3B) J. Stork-Zofka (Cze) 2:01:41. (4A) Unruh 2:18:10. (4B) ROBERTS 2:08:43 . . . 3, KEELER 2:41:36. **Teams:** (1A) 1, Sweden 11; 2, WG 19; 3, England


**BEDFORD & COUNTY ATHLETIC CLUB**

**4th Annual**

## AMPTHILL TROPHY CROSS COUNTRY MEETING

(Under A.A.A. & W.A.A.A. Laws)

**AMPTHILL PARK, AMPTHILL, BEDS**

**SUNDAY, 6th NOVEMBER, at 12.30 p.m.**

A QUALITY CLASS MEETING FOR BOTH SEXES AND ALL AGE GROUPS
RUN OVER A GENUINE CROSS COUNTRY COURSE

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| **Senior Men** | **5 Miles** | The Texas Cup | 1976 Team Prize | North London A.C. |
| **Veterans** | **5 Miles** | New event this year | | |
| **Youth O/15—U/17** | **3¾ Miles** | J. Nottingham Cup | 1976 Team Prize | Woking School A.C. |
| **Boys O/13—U/15** | **2½ Miles** | Bed. City Press Cup | 1976 Team Prize | Norfolk Olympiads |
| **Colts O/11—U/13** | **1¼ Miles** | Bed. A.C. Trophy | 1976 Team Prize | Manchester A.C. |
| **Minor Boys O/9—U/11** | **1¼ Miles** | New event this year | | |
| **Senior Ladies** | **2½ Miles** | Texas Ladies Cup | 1976 Team Prize | Highgate Harriers |
| **Inter Ladies U/17** | **2½ Miles** | Ampthill Cup | 1976 Team Prize | Epsom & Ewell |
| **Junior Ladies U/15** | **1¼ Miles** | Ampthill Rec. | 1976 Team Prize | Epsom & Ewell |
| **Girls O/11—U/13** | **1¼ Miles** | | 1976 Team Prize | Thetford A.C. |
| **Minor Girls O/9—U/11** | **1¼ Miles** | New event this year | | |

**All ages as on 1.9.77**

**PRIZES, TROPHIES,** first three Individuals and first three Teams (3 to score) in all events.
**ENTRY FEES:** Senior Men and Senior Ladies 30p, all others 25p. No Team fee.
**ENTRIES** (Must enclose S.A.E.) TO: D. Spring, 28 Wedgwood Road, Bedford (Tel: Bedford 64737).

**ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 25th**

(Dunsford, Smyth, Marshall) 79. (1B) 1, Sweden 14; 2, WG 15; 3, England 28.

**HJ:** (1A) 1, Mamdl 2.00; 2. S. Pettersson (Swe) 1.90; 3. A. Palm (Swe) 1.80 . . . 16, J. PHILLIPS (Eng) 1.50. (1B) L. Lukman (Yug) 1.70. (2A) M. Olden (Nor) 1.68. (2B) Morcom 1.66. (3A) E. Stai (Nor) 1.57. (3B) I. Sand (Nor) 1.45. (4A) G. Tang-Holbek (Den) 1.31 . . . 6, HINES 1.10. (4B) Anderson 1.23.

**LJ:** (1A) 1, T. Chilton (US) 7.03; 2, H. Ossenkopp (WG) 6.71; 3, Mandl 6.70. (1B) D. Kushnir (Isr) 6.53. (2A) V. Bartl (Swe) 5.73. (2B) Patsalis 5.86. (3A) W. Rumig (WG) 5.23. (3B) R. Leinen (WG) 4.60. (4A) A. Reiser (WG) 4.00 . . . 5, HINES 3.09. (4B) Anderson 3.70 . . . 4, M. CULLEN (Wal) 2.78.

**TJ:** (1A) 1, Mandl 14.31; 2, G. Bortlozzi (Ita) 14.20; 3, O. Bergh (Nor) 13.96 . . . 7, PHILLIPS 12.13. (1B) H. Strauss (WG) 13.90 . . . 15, B. THOMAS (Eng) 9.94. (2A) Bartl 12.25 . . . 5, T. McNEILL (NI) 10.90. (2B) Patsalis 11.88. (3A) E. Seater (Nor) 10.70. (3B) Sand 10.42. (4A) W. McFadden (US) 8.40. (4B) Anderson 8.36. (5) S. Falk (Swe) 6.44.

**PV:** (1A) 1, M. Houvion (Fra) 4.50; 2, N. Niemela (Fin) 4.50; 3, T. Mertanen (Swe) 4.20. (1B) R. Ruth (Can) 4.00. (2A) S. Egerton (Can) 3.50. (2B) Morcom 3.80. (3A) J. Vernon (US) 3.50. (3B) H. Schmidt (WG) 3.40. (4A) A. Brosz (Can) 1.60.

**SP:** (1A) 1, Ivancic (Yug) 18.03; 2, S. CLARK (Eng) 15.88; 3, H. Potsch (Aut) 15.84. (1B) J. Skobla (Cze) 15.43. (2A) H. Hombrecher (WG) 17.51 . . . 8, G. BERGIN (NI) 12.53. (2B) K. Jouppila (Fin) 14.00. (3A) R. Syversen (Nor) 14.87 . . . 4, K. MAKSIMCZYK (Eng) 13.73. (3B) H. Frochte (WG) 13.35. (4A) R. Doms (US) 10.85. (4B) F. Posluschni (WG) 10.78 . . . 5, CULLEN 7.24. (5) P. Goic (Yug) 8.74.

**DT:** (1A) 1, A. Oerter (US) 60.36; 2, L. Danek (Cze) 57.78; 3, E. Marjamaki (Fin) 51.54; 4, R. Humphreys (US) 48.66. (1B) B. Tallberg (Swe) 46.90. (2A) H. Duholm (Den) 47.00. (2B) Jouppila 50.56. (3A) R. Gustavsson (Swe) 45.58 . . .7, J. NESBITT (NI) 38.00. (3B) O. Reppen (Nor) 45.42. (4A) V. Andersson (Swe) 38.00. (4B) CULLEN 31.58. (5) Goic 29.42.

**HJ:** (1A) 1, Potsch 61.32; 2, M. Foleide (Nor) 60.14; 3, P. Pettersson (Swe) 54.64. (1B) H. Koop (WG) 50.40 . . . 7, L. BELL (Eng) 41.84. (2A) R. Backus (US) 52.46 . . . 4, BERGIN 38.64. (2B) T. McDermott (US) 42.86. (3A) A. Miettnen (Fin) 46.16. (3B) Reppen 38.44. (4A) Reiser 30.90. (4B) Posluschni 24.92 . . . 3, CULLEN 14.80. (5) Goic 27.34.

**JT:** (1A) 1, U. von Wartburg (Swi) 78.66 (world vets best); 2, C. Hastedt (WG) 68.96; 3, G. Kulcsar (Hun) 67.34 . . . 8, R. BALL (Eng) 54.94. (1B) J. Smiding (Swe) 63.70. (2A) V. Javanainen (Fin) 52.14. (2B) R. Mikelsons (Can) 44.42. (3A) W. Morales (US) 53.00. (3B) R. Sattler (WG) 36.10. (4A) E. Curtice (US) 37.48. (4B) Anderson 27.48 . . . 3, CULLEN 20.78. (5) Goic 20.30.

**Pentathlon:** (1A) 1, D. CLARKE (Eng) 3789 (LJ-5.88, JT-56.38, 200-24.0, DT-42.28, 1500-4:33.0); 2, BALL 3679 (5.98, 60.20, 24.9, 40.36, 4:44.6); 3, H. Urpinen (Fin) 3473. (1B) G. Drewniak (WG) 3079. (2A) V. Bartl (Swe) 3805. (2B) Morcom 3573. (3A) Morales 4465. (3B) C. Hills (US) 3122. (4A) A. Brosz (Can) 1678. (4B) Anderson 1640.

**Women**

**100:** (1A) T. Rautanen (Fin) 12.1. (1B) I. Obera (US) 13.0. (2A) 1, M. KYLE (NI) 13.1; 2, E. WHEELER (Eng) 13.2. (2B) A. Haushofer (WG) 15.7. (3A) J. Kolda (US) 17.3. (3B) I. Saumier (Can) 16.4. (4A) P. Clarke (US) 16.4.

**400:** (1A) K. Holland (Aus) 56.5. (1B) H. Werner (WG) 62.3 . . . 4, R. JACKSON (Eng) 65.8; 6, M. HAMER (Eng) 73.4; 7, M. WHITAKER (Eng) 73.7. (2A) KYLE 62.8 . . . 7, F. OBREE (Eng) 84.1. (2B) Haushofer 75.4. (3A) C. Hargos (US) 88.0. (3B) G.Muller (WG) 85.00 (4A) Clarke 83.2.

**1500:** T. Syrjala (Fin) 4:30.6 . . . 5, J. FARR (Eng) 4:51.6; 7, B. BROOKES (Eng) 5:01.1. (1B) M. Gorman (US) 4:46.1 . . . 6, JACKSON 5:08.6; 7, H. RIDER (Eng) 5:09.6; 8, P. MAFFIA (Eng) 5:10.1. (2A) U. Seger (Swe) 5:15.2. (2B) K. Garbo (Nor) 5:33.5. (3A) Kolda 8:20.6. (3B) E. Eriksson (Swe) 6:26:5. (4A) Clarke 7:34.2.

**3000:** (1A) S. Larsson (Swe) 9:49.1 . . .7, FARR 11:00.2. (1B) Gorman 10:15.4 . . . 8, MAFFIA 11:33.2. (2A) Seger 11:17.4 . . . 9, S. JENNINGS (Eng) 13:14.2. (2B) Garbo 11:41.7. (3A) H. Jockle (WG) 12:48.0. (3B) Eriksson 13:42.8. (4A) J. Bucher (WG) 18:02.4.

**10,000:** (1A) Konings-Rypers (Neth) 37:12.2. (1B) L. Sipprelle (US) 39:57.8 . . . 12, DURRANT (Eng) 52:30.5. (2A) Seger 41:21.8. (2B) Haushofer 46:33.8. (3A) Jockle 46:31.6. (3B) A. Werbel (US) 54:03.4.

**Marathon:** (1A) L. Winter (WG) 3:00:31. (1B) Gorman 2:57:05. (2A) U. Blaschke (WG) 3:03:04 . . . 4, N. CAMPBELL (Eng) 3:21:50. (2B) M. Hutchison (US) 3:50:40. (3A) J. Kazdan (Can) 4:23:43. (3B) M. Lynnerup (Den) 4:01:37.

**Cross-Country:** (2A) 1, R. Andersson (Swe) 39:57; 2, CAMPBELL 40:57.

**5000 Walk:** (1A) FARR 24:37.7. (1B) 1, G. Bornwasser (WG) 28:39.8; 2, Y. SMITH (Eng) 29:13.6; 3, RIDER 31:24.9. (2A) JENNINGS 28:36.4. (2B) K. Larsson (Swe) 29:21.5. (3A) B. Tibbling (Swe) 28:19.5. (3B) N. Wedemo (Swe) 31:42.0. (4A) L. Kaila (Fin) 42:50.1. (4B) K. Leist (WG) 43:17.1.

**4 x 100:** (1) 1, USA 51.4; 2, WG 52.3; 3, ENGLAND (WHEELER, DONACHIE, WHITAKER, HAMER) 56.2.

**LJ:** (1A) Rautanen 5.53. (1B) M. Altmann (WG) 5.35. (2A) KYLE 4.80. (3A) M. Fairbank (US) 3.07. (3B) Eriksson 3.00.

**DT:** (1A) I. Wehmonen (Swe) 44.12. (1B) A. Brommel (WG) 42.64. (2A) D. Kozar (Yug) 35.82 . . . 3, G. CHARMAN (Eng) 30.88; 4, KYLE 27.22. (2B) L. Grobler (US) 30.26. (3B) A. Reile (WG) 28.02.

**10,000 (road):** (at Bruges, July 30th) (1) Winter 37:16. (2) Seger 41:37. (3) Descamp (Bel) 51:50.

**25km (road):** (at Bruges, July 31st) (1) Winter 1:38:32. (2) NORRISH (Eng) 1:44:59. (3) Lynnerup 2:10:47. Team: England.

# VAULTING ACROSS EUROPE

Rowland White

## A profile of Larry Jessee (USA)—By Dave Cocksedge

THE 1977 AAA pole vault champion reached forward, placed his gin and tonic carefully on the table in front of us where my tape recorder was whirring, and leaned back comfortably in order to get expansive. "Yeah, all pole vaulters are crazy people, I guess", drawled Larry Jessee. "There's something about the event that attracts that sort of person. It's almost demanded by what pole vaulting entails. If you're an average type guy—a Mr Regular—you just aren't going to be a great pole vaulter. There's no way a sane person is going to jump 19 feet. A sane person takes the 8.15 to work every morning and keeps his feet firmly on the ground. Pole vaulters are Prima Donnas, mostly. We're a breed on our own. Take me, for instance: I'm a pure pole vaulter. It's the only event I can do. The only thing in track that I care to talk about in terms of my own achievements, anyway. I've jumped 5.54 (18ft 2in) and I've won two NCAA titles so far in my career. This year I was third in the AAU outdoor with 5.43 after winning the National indoor title in the winter. My best mark so far this summer is 5.51.

"This is my third summer of touring Europe. It's very good experience. Basically what I'm doing is building myself up for the 1980 Games. I want to get consistent at 5.50 plus and meet everyone I'm likely to jump against in future big meets. It's no good sitting around waiting for your Federation to send you out to get this kind of experience — you've got to get yourself organised, and do it yourself.

"I got turned on to pole vault by watching Bob Seagren jump on television in the 1968 Olympics. What a competition that was! Three men over 5.40, which was then above the listed world's record; and John Pennel getting his jump at 5.40 disallowed because the pole passed under the bar. But Seagren was a great competitor. How cool does a guy have to be to pass up 5.35 at that time, not even realising how high that was in feet and inches? In the end, that move worked in his favour. Then in 1972 he came back after a knee injury that doctors told him had killed his chances of every running again, let alone vaulting, got the world record back with 5.65 and took an Olympic silver. He'd have won the gold, too, if they hadn't cheated him out of his pole. But hell, the guy went 5.40 on a totally unfamiliar pole that was the wrong bodyweight for him, even then!

"Seagren is still the greatest there's ever been. He was helping me some last year; working on

## "Seagren tried to turn me into a carbon copy of him."

my drive in to the box; coming in fast and hard and with a driving knee to get the pole penetrating deep. That's the way I jump. I don't hang like some of the top Europeans. They drag the hips on the initial plant, and try to come back fast in the final phase of staying behind the pole. Our way is the American way, driving hard and keeping the left arm bending the pole in the hang phase before kipping back into vertical shoot as the pole straightens out. The European way, or at least the way Nordwig vaulted, is a kind of hang-over from the metal pole technique.

"Actually Seagren tried to turn me into a carbon copy of him. He had me lifting my knees high on the run up and pumping my arms with the pole, but that didn't work. I'm not Bob Seagren. I'm Larry Jessee, and I'm happier building into a fast approach run off a rolling start, using a medium carry and keeping the pole loose as I run.

"The first day I went out and tried pole vault, I made 11ft 6in (3.50m) and I knew this was for me. So, soon after that, I just moved the high school pit into my back garden and worked out there, all that summer. That was in 1968. The following year I was up to 12ft 6in (3.81) and in 1970 I made 15ft 10in (4.83) which was the best by a high schoolboy that year. I made 17ft for the first time in 1972 before a crack in my vertebrae put me out for quite a while. I first made 18ft in 1975.

"I came to Europe in early June and made 5.40 in Turin; then I won the USA/Italy/England match at 5.40 again. I had another 5.40 in the USA/West Germany duel for first; and another one for second in the US/Russia meet. Then I got a third in Koblenz. Kozakiewicz and a German boy beat me, but I had Slusarski. Then I won the AAA at 5.30. I have something like 20 meets lined up. That's no exaggeration. It saves having to work out! I have ten or so meets in September, and then I go to South America after flying home. Then in December I have the Pan Pacific Conference Games. Then I get in shape for the US indoor circuit. I won the National indoor at 5.41 last winter and that turned my whole career around. You win one of those, and suddenly the meet invites come pouring in. I needed that one, too, because I'd done badly in the 1976 Olympic Trials, and things hadn't been going too good. Then suddenly, I clicked, and it started happening.

Touring Europe for a pole vaulter inevitably involves recurring problems with transportation of those vital poles. Larry knows all the angles, through bitter experience, of 'Pole hassles'. "I've taken off from New York only to find that my poles have gone westwards to California on an internal flight while I'm running around in circles in Europe! Once I flew to Tokyo for a meet and found my poles had been shipped to Bangkok. I had to wait three days before they got back to me. Usually I stay with them all the time to make sure nothing happens. I've missed flights and slept with my poles in airport lounges many times. Poles are too awkward to steal, but people sure can lose them easily if you leave them in their charge! Generally, I won't take any form of

**LARRY JESSEE**

Born: Dayton, Ohio. 31.3.1952.
Height and weight: 1.80/5ft 11in. 83kg/183lb.
Occupation: Selling Real Estate.
Uncoached. Lives in El Paso, Texas. Married, son of 8 months.
Best mark: 5.54/18ft 2in.
Progression:

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| 1968 | 3.50 | 1973 | 5.28 |
| 1969 | 3.81 | 1974 | 5.28 |
| 1970 | 4.83 | 1975 | 5.49 |
| 1971 | 5.13 | 1976 | 5.54 |
| 1972 | 5.18 | 1977 | 5.51 |

**CARDIFF AAC 9th ANNUAL**
**LAKE 15 ROAD RACE**
(Under AAA Laws)
**Saturday, 24th Sept. at 3.00 pm**
**From Maindy Stadium, Cardiff.**
INDIVIDUAL, VETS & TEAM PRIZES
**Fees:** 35p Ind, no team fee. SAE for acknowledgement. **Entries** to D. Walsh, 30 Highfield Close, Dinas Powis, S. Glam. (0222-51416) **by 19th Sept.** Entry on day 50p.

**SHREWSBURY & DISTRICT A.C.**
**WREKIN 10 MILE ROAD RACE**
(Under A.A.A. Laws)
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th, at 3 p.m.**
Prizes at least first 12 and Vets.
**Entries:** 30p plus S.A.E. to Christine Williams, 20 Cressage Avenue, Heath Farm, Shrewsbury, Salop, **by October 3rd. No** entries on the day.

**CRAWLEY ROAD RELAYS**
(Under AAA and WCC & RWA Rules)
**SUNDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER at 1.45 pm**
**At Broadfield Rec. Centre, Crawley**
Colts, Boys, Youths; Minor, Junior, Inter & Senior Women (all 3 x 2400m—new course). **Prizes:** First 3 teams each age group and fastest lap. Also the Upjohn Trophy (agg. award for women). **Entries** (50p per team & SAE) to Tony Miller, 6 Beachy Road, Broadfield, Crawley, W. Sussex **close 14th Sept.**

**Newbury Athletic Club Presents the**
**NIAS NEWBURY NINE**
9th Annual Road Race for the Hutchins Trophy
**SUNDAY, 2nd OCTOBER, at 3 p.m,**
**Prizes:** Teams (3 score), Individuals and Veterans. **Enquiries:** Phone Alan Newman—Newbury 48708. **Entries:** 30p per Ind. (No Team fees) to Mr A. Kilberry, 8 Beverley Close, Thatcham, Berkshire. (Under AAA Laws.) **Sponsored by Nias of Newbury Ltd.**

transportation to anywhere until I've checked that my poles are safe and travelling along with me.

"There are some good Europeans around right now. I saw Kozakiewicz jumping when he beat the European record in Warsaw, and that was something else. He didn't get a miss through 5.67, and he had 5.72 pretty well, until the bar followed him down. That man is an animal! It's a pity he was hurt in Montreal, though I don't suppose the Poles were too worried, because Slusarski won it for them anyway. These Europeans are nearly all big men who hold pretty damn high. All they need to work on is technique. Iasksson had it down pretty well in 1972, holding at 15ft 5in and jumping 18ft 9in in training. Now these guys are holding at 16ft 4in and they have to jump higher, and if they can get their techniques down the way Kjell had, the record must go beyond 19ft (5.79). But don't count out the Americans. We've got Dan Ripley, Earl Bell, Dave Roberts, Mike Tully and Larry Jessee and we're going to be there pushing in Moscow.

## *"The limiting factors here are coaching and equipment".*

"From what I've seen of British vaulters, the limiting factors here are coaching and equipment. A guy breaks a pole here, or he moves up in bodyweight, and he's got a lot of problems in trying to get himself another one. They have to be shipped over from the USA, and that costs money and time. Then your weather conditions are impossible. Your coaches are all ex-metal men who don't really understand the physics of fibre glass vaulting. I think Brian Hooper is a real talented boy here. In the States, he'd be a 5.50 man straight away; but here he's limited. Then I've watched this young guy Keith Stock, jump 5.10 without knowing what the hell he's doing. He must jump a lot higher when he learns to extend off the top of the pole and push off properly.

"But hell, the weather is cold in Poland and Finland too and they have good vaulters. It's good indoor facilities and good coaching, plus a supply of poles to move through—that's what is lacking here. You have the dedicated young vaulters, like Hooper and Allan Williams. What they need to do is to get out to the States for a while and absorb the American track scene. Isaksson and Don Baird have done that, and look what it did for them. I don't know if your Federation would stand for that, though. Perhaps your administration doesn't do enough to develop these events with financial help. I don't know enough about that to comment on it.

"Making the US Olympic team is tough. I mean TOUGH! A guy can jump 5.70 every year for three years, and then miss out on the first three in the Trials, just by getting into an off day. Or someone can come out of nowhere, get a couple of good clutch jumps and make the team. It's a real gamble. I figure the guys with the most

## *"Why should a country be penalised for having a lot of great athletes?".*

experience tend to come through, so that's why I'm touring Europe as often as I can, getting experience and paying my dues. I also feel the way the Olympics is structured is a kind of injustice. Why should a country be penalised for having a lot of great athletes? If the Russians have a dozen hammer men who deserve selection, they should all go to the Games. Same for the British with your world class distance runners. It seems crazy to me that some clown from Saudi Arabia is putting the shot 33ft in Montreal while Terry Albritton is left at home, the way Randy Matson was in '72. And if the USA has ten vaulters over 5.50 in the 1980 Olympic Trails, they all deserve to be in there pitching for the gold medal in Moscow. It's time they open it up into an Open World Championship for anyone who gets the qualifying mark in. Raise the qualifying mark, sure, but don't restrict the number of entries per country.

"Maybe Open Track will come about someday. It has to happen, eventually. I was sad to see the ITA wind up, but they didn't really have much of a hope once the Europeans didn't bite on their offers. The budget they were playing around with was too small and the thing became just a circus. I thought it was tragic that Steve Smith, who could be the world's greatest vaulter now, signed himself away for a few thousand dollars. He went into real estate and now I hear he's a hot dog salesman. What a waste of talent!

"I figure I have maybe another ten years of this in me. Pole vaulting is an event in which you're always learning; where experience and maturity really count. You can have a pretty good and long career if you look after yourself, like Hans Lagerqvist of Sweden. But it goes back to what I said earlier: you have to be crazy. All of us pole vaulters are psychiatric cases. You have to be something going on the way to crazy to be out there, on the wrong side of thirty, trying to jump 19 feet, man."

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**TORBAY REGATTA SIX MILE ROAD RACE**
**August 22nd**

1, J. Wild (RAF Cambridge)..... 26:52
2, N. Gates (Bristol)..... 26:55
3, D. Collins (City of Plymouth)..... 27:13
4, B. Knight (Torb) 27:50; 5, P. Shaw (Man) 28:13; 6, T. Parker (W Corn) 28:27; 7, G. Davies (Bris) 28:27; 8, G. Seawood (Exet) 28:28; 9, D. Sherman (Bris) 28:40; 10, P. Gaden (Torb) 28:45; 11, G. Steed (Exet) 29:03; 12, I. Wainwright (Dark Pk) 29:08; 13, C. Abrahams (Torb) 29:11; 14, G. Goodman (TVH) 29:13; 15, T. Collins (Torb) 29:32.

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**High Jump Course for Young Athletes** (male/female minimum age 14 years), **Club/Assistant and Potential Coaches.**

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| •Date: | **7pm Friday, 7th October to 5pm Saturday, 9th October, 1977.** |
| •Venue: | **Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre** (residential accommodation: The Queen's Hotel). |
| •Course Fee: | £20.00 (for fully paid up members). £21.00 non-members. |

•**Applications:** Details & entry forms from **Gordon G. Faucon, 43 Thornhill Park Road, Thornhill, Southampton, Hants S02 6AP. (Tel: No. Southampton 462719).**

Application forms & course fee to be returned **not later than Friday, 23rd Sept.**

## SOUTHAMPTON & EASTLEIGH A.C.
## JURD ROAD RACES

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th**

**On Southampton Common** (Traffic Free Course)
**SENIOR 5 MILES** at 3 p.m. Prizes first 6 Inds., first 3 Teams (3 to score).
**YOUNG ATHLETES** (Under 18 on 1.9.77) 3½ Miles at 2.35 p.m. Prizes first 6 Inds., first Team (3 score).
**JUVENILES** (Under 15 on 1.9.77) 1¾ Miles at 2.15 p.m. Prizes first 6 Inds., first Team (3 score).
**Entries** to G. Pribul, 74 Radway Road, Southampton (Tel: 773631), **by 1st October.**
**Fees:** Seniors 30p, Y. Athletes and Juveniles 20p per Individual. No Team fee.
**Note:** Reynolds Garrett Continental Races on Sunday, 6th November.

## NOTTS "10"

(incorporating Notts AAA Championships)
**& LADIES 2½ MILE ROAD RACE**
(Under AAA & WAAA Laws)
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th**
**From Harvey Hadden Stadium, Bilborough, Nottingham**

**Start:** Ladies 11.30 am; Men 12 Noon
**Prizes:** (Men) First 10 Individuals, 3 Vets O/40, 3 teams (4 to score). (Ladies) At least first 3, more if entries justify.
**Entries:** 30p plus 30p per team of four, to John Burney, 17 Barratt Lane, Attenborough, Nottingham (222460), with s.a.e. for acknowledgement.
**Entries close 5th Sept. (Late entries 50p)**

## SURREY ATHLECTIC CLUB
## 75th ANNIVERSARY

A special celebration Dinner/Dance will be held at the Star & Garter Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, on 15th April, 1978. Past and Present members wishing to join this re-union please send S.A.E. to Derek Chitty, 6 Famet Close, Purley, Surrey (01-668-1120) for details.

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Sec: T. J. O'Mahoney, 12 Kirkmore Rd., Liverpool 18

## FLOODLIT OPEN MEETING

(Under AAA & WAAA Laws)

**WEDNESDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, 1977**

**KIRKBY SPORTS CENTRE, Nr. LIVERPOOL:**

**7pm** Discus (SM, SW), Shot (SM, JM, Y, SW), Long Jump (SM, Y, SW, JW), High Jump (SM, Y, SW, JW).
**7pm** 100m (all groups).
**7.40pm** 1500m (SW, JW, Colts).
**8.15pm** 3000m (SM, Y, B).
**8.50pm** 400m (SM, Y, B, SW).
These timings are approximate.

**Entries:** On evening from 6pm. 20p per athlete. (Note: Evening meetings also on Oct. 5th & 26th).

## VAUXHALL ROAD RELAY

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

**The Vauxhall 5 x 3 Miles Relay**

will be held on

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, start 11.00 a.m.**

**Vauxhall Sports Ground, Park Street, Luton**

**Prizes:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd Teams, 1st Vets Team.
**Entry Fee:** £1.00 (50p additional Teams).
**Entries to:** John Telford, Vauxhall Motors Ltd., Route 4232, Luton, Beds. Tel: (Day) 0582 21122 Ext 4232, (Evening) 0582 508719.

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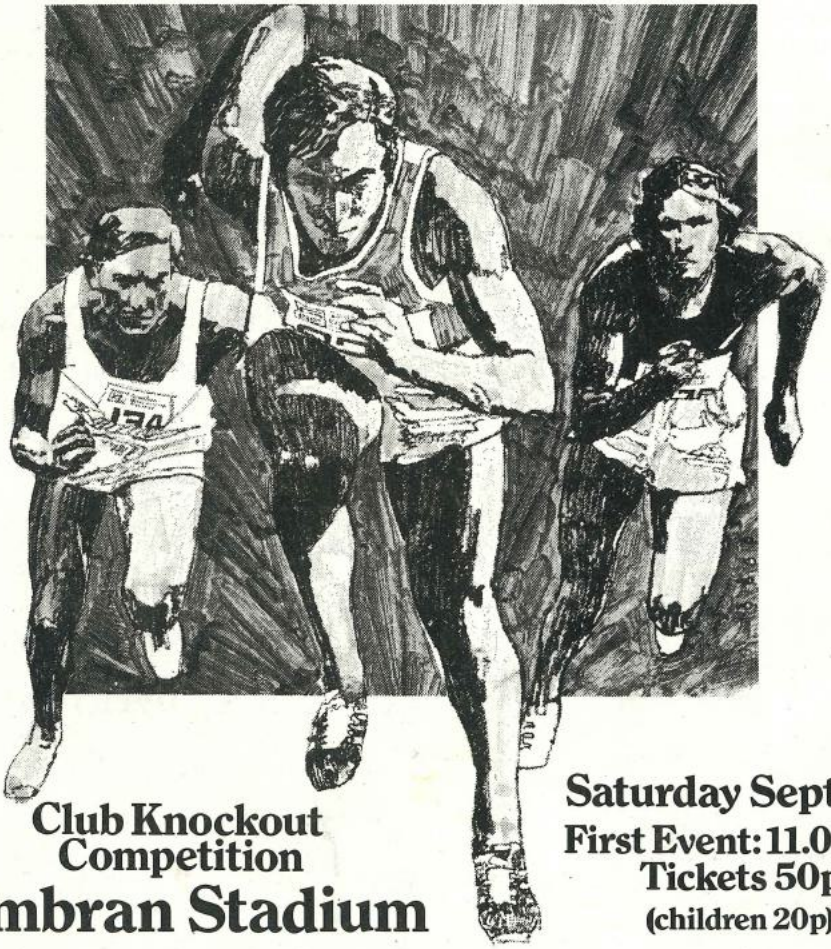

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**Saturday Sept 17th**

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